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Highest civilian toll of war to date

# Passenger train hit in Nato raid

By Tom Walker, Charles Bremner, Philip Webster and Michael Evans

NATO admitted last night that a missile attack on a railway bridge south of Belgrade had struck a passenger train. At least nine people were reported to have been killed and another 16 injured.

The Yugoslav Army and local authorities in southern Serbia searched for survivors amid the wreckage of the train, which was hit in a ravine near the Macedonian bor-

A Nato official said the bridge near Leskovac was a military target. "There was no intent to hit the train, we deep-ly regret any loss of life," he

Colonal Dragan Velickovic of the Yugosiav Army press centre in Belgrade, said the train had been running from the southern town of Vranje north towards Nis yesterday morning when a Nato jet fired a missile that struck overhead power cables.

The train ground to a halt on a bridge in the Grdelica ra-



vine, adjacent to a road bridge. The missile attack appeared to have cut the train in half, partly dragging the coaches down into the gorge.

ALBANIA GREECE

According to the Yugoslav state-run Tanjug news agen-cy, the second coach was wrecked and three others caught fire and were derailed. All the bodies recovered were said to have been badly burnt. The injured were taken to a

hospital in Leskovac. Dejan Petkovic, a 19-yearold student from Nis, told the

news agency he was in the undamaged first carriage and suffered only minor injuries. He described hearing what sounded like an aircraft nearby and then a single explo-sion, followed by four detona-

Svetolik Kostadinovic, director of the railways, originally claimed that the train was travelling from Belgrade to Salonika in Greece and that there were foreigners on board. But this was denied by a Greek railway company, which said that the Belgrade to Salonika train had arrived

The most serious incidence of civilian casualties in three weeks of Nato airstrikes came as as alliance foreign ministers in Brussels unanimously reaffirmed their determination to pursue the bombing campaign.

They also voiced alarm over the plight of up to 700,000 ethnic Albanian refugees who, they said, were being deliberately starved and deprived of shelter and medicine inside

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State said: "If these people are allowed to die, we will hold the Serbian

authorities accountable " Nato military officials were ordered to work on plans for helping the internal refugees and the Greek Air Force is expected to drop humanitarian supplies to them. A similar airdrop was carried out by Nato aircraft to help victims of the Bosnian war five years ago.

Taking stock of the threeweek air campaign, the minis-ters accused President Milosevic of "appalling violations of human rights and "criminally irresponsible policies". Their statement added: "Nato's air strikes will be pursued until President Milosevic accedes to the demands of the interna-

tional community." Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, said: "Milosevic is losing and he knows it. Nato is united. We have justice on our side and we will

prevail." The ministers also warned Mr Milosevic that Nato would respond severely to any attack on Albania or other neighbouring states. There

were further reports yesterday of Yugoslav forces shelling over the border into Alba-While demonstrating allied told a press conference in Lonresolve to carry on with the air don: "As of today, neither Nato nor the UK have any plans for an opposed invasion

been considering and making

contingency plans for the use

of ground troops."
He added: "We have consid-

ered many scenarios. . . we are

not currently planning to im-

plement any of these options."

day said that Nato would car-

ry on pounding Mr Milose-

Tony Blair - who yester-

campaign, the ministers held open the door for diplomacy and urged Russia to join in efforts to bring peace. Hopes are being pinned on a meeting in Oslo today between Ms Albright and Igor Ivanov, the Russian Foreign Minister.

Ms Albright gave the first hint that a partitioning of Kosovo was being given consider-ation, although she said it was not an option she favoured. "There are a number of ideas not yet settled on," she said. The foreign ministers again

ruled out the possibility of a vic's war machine "day after day" until its objectives were met - will today tell MPs that Nato ground force fighting its way into Kosovo. However, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Nato could face a long haul in the Chief of the Defence Staff. its air campaign. He said: "After the appall-

ing scenes of suffering among the refugees it would be wrong for us to compromise in any shape or form on the obof Kosovo by force. But this does not mean to say that over iectives which Nato has set many months we have not

"It is essential that we do not weaken in our resolve to see every single part of the Nato objectives secured." ☐ The joint appeal by 12 leading charities for Kosovan refugees has raised £10 million in six days. Donations can be made by telephone on 0870 6060 900 or on 0990 222 233.

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garage deal Sir Tom Farmer, who two days ago was the 315th wealthiest man in Britain, leapfrogged at least 50 places by selling his Kwik-Fit chain to Ford in a £I billion deal. Sir Tom intends to remain in full-time charge of his chain of 1,900 car

## Tapioca hope of cancer cure

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The plant from which tapioca pudding is made may hold the key to an anti-cancer cure. Genes from the plant have been used to eradicate brain tumours in rats. Tests on human tissues are progressing well......Page 9

Election plan

Tony Blair put Labour's economic record at the heart of his strategy for European, Scottish and Welsh elections.. Page 12

# SAS may be on the ground in Kosovo

By Michael Evans **DEFENCE EDITOR** 

SPECIAL forces troops in Kosovo are now believed to be playing a crucial role in helping Nato aircraft to bomb targets through thick cloud.

Although hitting Yugoslav

military targets with laserguided bombs remains the primary function of the Nato aircraft, poor weather has made it imperative to find an alternative method of bombing whencloud conceals the target.

After nearly three weeks of airstrikes during which bombing raids have had to be called off on about a dozen occasions because of bad weather, Nato military chiefs decided that it was necessary to start drop-ping unguided bombs through the clouds. The decision meant that im-

proved intelligence information on targets had to be acquired from the ground as well as from satellite imagery and reconnaissance aircraft. Without giving any details. General Sir Charles Guthrie, the Chief of the Defence Staff, said yesterday that intelligence on targets was now "much better" than it was two weeks ago, and that it was coming "from the ground, from satellites and from aircraft". RAF Harrier GR7s "en-

paign on Sunday. Britain never confirms or denies operations carried out by the Special Air Service. But it can be assumed that special forces elements are in Kosovo and that they are providing key intelligence to back up the rapidly-improving picture of where the Yugoslav 3rd Army forces are located.

gaged targets" through cloud

for the first time in the air cam-

The role of the SAS would be to hunt for and then pinpoint the disposition of Yugoslav troops and armoured units, as well as fixed military sites, and provide precise grid references for bomber pilots.



US special combat helicopters arriving in Albania yesterday. Aircraft bringing men and equipment landed every 15 minutes

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"I have to go to the police and buy them Coc-Cola and whisky to go into places and take sick people out. I have to make with the beautiful eyes and flirt to get things." A refugee camp doctor talks to Stephen Farrell, page 6

The Yugoslav Parliament voted to apply for membership of a confederation with Russia and Belarus, while talk of such a union "ruined" the Duma's plans to get rid of President Yeltsin. It decided to postpone impeachment proceedings indefinitely. Tom Walker and Anna

Blundy report on page 5



This is America at its best. This is America trying to get the world to live on human terms so we can have peace." President Clinton's pep talk, page 4

The creeping escalation of Nato ground troops in Albania has raised hopes among Kosovo's refugees there that the allied forces would be used to retake their home land. Sam Kiley reports from Tirana on page 7

Frederick Forsyth wants the West to arm the KLA. His solution is as well-plotted as a thriller. But life is messier than fiction. We should beware of policy based on good guys beating bigger bad gues and living happily ever after. Vanora Bennett writes on page 18

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# Lorry drivers promise more city centre jams in fuel taxes protest

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, ADAM SHERWIN AND RUSSELL JENKINS

LORRY drivers last night threatened fresh disruption after a nationwide protest which jammed motorways and roads in six city centres.

Growing anger among lorry drivers over recent tax rises prompted the second major protest in three weeks, with farmers and taxi drivers joining the demonstration in some

Ministers responded by indicating that help could be given to British hauliers facing difficulty in competing against European rivals. One possible option is that new taxes could be imposed on overseas drivers working in Britain.

However Frank Stears, leader of the Trans-Action protest group behind the demonstration said after the protests: The question is have we got anywhere? If we haven't, something else will have to hap-

Organisers are torn over ed to "penalise, disrupt and inwhether to target ports or re-

peat last month's single-site protest on the streets of Central London, a tactic that brought traffic to a standstill. Unlike last month's protest

which drew more than 1,000 drivers to London, yesterday's action was spread out around the country. In the capital, police put the turnout at no more than 500. In Manchester, some 270 lorries headed from Lymm in

Cheshire into the city centre. causing serious hold-ups. Lorries also converged on Edinburgh, Newcasile, Middlesbrough and Exeter. Police said no area suffered

the same levels of congestion experienced by the capitasl last month. The demonstrations are over a 10 per cent rise in fuel

duty and a £2,500 tax increase on some lorries. John Reid, the Transport Minister, criticised the action of lorry drivers who had decid-

He said that he would continue to talk to leaders of the Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association to agree ways of helping the industry. But he has refused to meet leaders of the Trans-Action splinter group while disruption continues. Although he has insisted

that the Government cannot "unpick" last month's Budget and reverse the tax rises. Treasury ministers are to investigate the impact of recent tax changes on the industry. Hauliers claim that many more overseas drivers, with access to cheaper fuel, will enter Britain and undercut British companies. The most recent

convenience the public once again". However, he made clear that ministers were prepared to look again at the competitiveness of the British haulage industry and that help might be given.

and hauliers claim the increase is accelerating. Dr Reid conceded that one possible sanction could be the introduction of a so-called "vignette" system, under which overseas lorry drivers would

pay a daily charge that would not apply to British firms. A system like this operates in Austria, although the Europe-Figures disputed, page 2

an Union may outlaw the practice if it is found to discriminate against foreign nationals.

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figures show 690,000 overseas

lorries entering Britain in the

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AS Frank Stears, the man

who tried to bring Britain's cities to a standstill, stood pa-

tiently outside the barred

gates to Downing Street, he is-

sued a warning to Tony Blair. The Government can ignore

us but we will be back with

The 51-year-old haulier

from Faversham in Kent has

found himself the unlikely

leader of a national move-ment. And with a thousand

lorry drivers apparently ready

to block the streets at his com-

mand he believes that the

Prime Minister will soon

His critics say he is a dan-

gerous rabble rouser but Mr

Stears says all he wants to do is make a living. "I am not a

political person but I cannot

compete with the Continent

with these fuel tax increases." He employs five people at Stears Haulage, which trans-

ports steel and fertilisers. He

has been a haulier for more

than 20 years but he believes

that things have never been so

bad. "There comes a point

where you have to fight for your business." he said.

Mr Stears has a couple of

natural advantages that

thrust him into the spotlight.

"I've just got a bigger mouth. I

can shout more. I don't want

to be a figurehead but I did

get a sense of pride seeing all

have to pay attention.

more and more trucks."

Drivers' leader

puts his big

mouth in gear

BY ADAM SHERWIN

THE dispute between hauliers and ministers intensified yesterday with the two sides unable to agree even on basic facts about the effect of

The Government insisted that British haulage companies could operate more cheaply than rivals over-seas because of lower employment costs and taxation.

Haulage industry leaders said that the figures failed to take into account the increasingly heavy burden of British taxes on fuel and vehicles. which represents one third of the overall cost of running a haulage

John Reid, the Transport Minister, was adamant that haulage firms with a fleet of 50 vehicles could save

the truckers outside Downing

protest group, began from a small demonstration in Kent.

Within six months he had at-

tracted a thousand members.

who pay £25 to join and are

given advance notification by

post and phone about actions

the Government heard the

voice of ordinary hauliers, a

compromise could be reach-

ed. He now realises that that

"The Government will not

take us seriously. They think

we are a bunch of yobs. The

only way we will go away is when we are all bankrupt," he

It is the sort of rabble-rous-

ing rhetoric that has not been heard since the glory days of the miners' leader Arthur

Scargill. Is Mr Stears a chip

off the old militant block? "I

am nothing like Scargill." he bristled. "Trans-Action has a

committee which takes demo-

cratic decisions. But I don't

want to bring the country to its knees with blockades — I

But others involved in the

dispute consider him a liabili-

ty. "He is doing for road haul-

age what Slobodan Milosevic

is doing for Balkan holidays,"

one of his critics said.

Mr Stears believed that if

such as yesterday's.

was naive.

want talks."

Trans-Action, Mr Stears's

Two sides cannot agree on basic facts, reports Arthur Leathley

up to £819,000 a year compared with the cost of running a company in Bel-gium. He also cited higher costs in The Netherlands, France and Germany as undermining the haulage industry's argument that the Government was making British hauliers uncompetitive.

Hauliers then produced costings showing the huge additional price of buying fuel and taxing vehicles in this country. These suggested that overall it could cost firms some £700,000 more a year to operate 50 lorries in Britain than it would in

The gap between the two sides.

even on basic costings, is so large that a working forum has been set up to try to agree some common ground. Treasury ministers have admitted that detailed international comparisons have not been con-

The dispute over the competitiveness of the British haulage industry is deeper than a spat over taxation levels. Dr Reid has infuriated many hauliers by telling them that they are not efficient enough and that up to one quarter of lorries are running

Lorry drivers insist that the heavy

BANS ACTION

Frank Stears: leader of 1,000 lorry drivers but his critics say that he is a liability

than El million a year to the cost of running 50 lorries. But even that is disputed by ministers, who argue that companies with large fleets are often operating internationally and so have the same opportunity as overseas competitors to buy fuel

more cheaply. However, even the issue of fuel taxes is not as simple as it appears. While a French driver working only in France might save £9,000 a year on fuel against his British rival driving in Britain, he would spend some £7,500 a year in road tolls that are not imposed in Britain.

Treasury officials concede that

huge amounts of diesel are now bought by British firms overseas, although they dispute claims made by the hauliers that this costs the Treasury £400 million in lost revenue.

However, many lorry drivers who travel regularly to mainland Europe say that they never refuel their vehicles in Britain.

Hauliers also claim that many firms are considering "flagging out": registering their vehicles in overseas countries to save thousands of pounds in vehicle tax levied

in fact, very few have actually done so, with many being deterred bureaucratic complexities and the legal costs of overseas reg-

### CRAWLING CONVOY

long brought traffic heading for west Manchester to

ing and horns blaring, more than 270 lorries set out from Lymm, Cheshire, at 8am. Greater Manchester Police had delayed the

The hauliers hogged the M56 from Cheshire, slowing traffic to a snail's pace before turning off the Princess Parkway on to the M60 and then the M602. They then followed a route agreed with the police through Salford and around the city. A breakaway group of a dozen lorries



Steve Gill joins hauliers

drove down Deansgate, in the city centre, but caused lit-

tle disruption. David Bratt, 61, one of the protest's organisers, said: "We are not militants and we won't be doing anything like blocking the Mersey tunnel and causing havoc."

### **GOODNATURED GRIDLOCK**

organised by their French counterparts. Instead frustrated commuters grumbled mildly, the protesters could not agree on a chant during the march and the rain dampened any

Police cordoned off two lanes for lorries parked on Cumberland Place, leaving one for cars and buses to crawl down. Taxi drivers added to the cacophony of blaring horns. One driver gave a thumbs-up and said: "We are with them all the way. We are supporting them by driving slowly but people will say that is how we make our money

to help truck drivers to relocate to the United States.

A LINE of lorries five miles a slow and bad-tempered crawl. The convoy. designed as a "friendly demon-stration" against rising costs of road freight, upset some motorists, but the predicted gridlock of the city's centre failed to materialise. With diesel fumes belch-

start for an hour to allow commuter traffic disperse.



in protest at Park Lane

IT WAS a very British type of protest that saw disgruntled lorry drivers bring gridlock to Central London. There were no burning blockades as there might have been had it been

The speech-making rally at Marble Arch was curtailed due to a sudden downpour. Various groups saw an oppor-tunity to cash in: one handed out a glossy brochure offering

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# Missiles discovery adds pressure to Ulster peace talks

THE British and Irish Governments will today resume their last-ditch effort to save the Good Friday peace accord. Unionists claim the case for disarmament has been strengthened by new evidence that the IRA has tested surface-to-air

The RUC confirmed yesterday that it found two used battery packs for the Sam 7 missiles in a field near Pomeroy in Co Tyrone on Saturday night. Security sources said the packs were unearthed by cattle. It was unclear whether they had been used recently or

some time ago. The IRA acquired several of the Russian-made missiles through Libyan intermediaries some years ago to attack military helicopters. The missiles are shoulder-launched and can be guided towards targets up to two miles away. It is believed the IRA has so far fired one in anger, in 1991.

The Ulster Unionists said

the discovery reinforced their

the last-ditch negotiations in

Shadow of IRA

arms hangs over

Belfast, reports Martin Fletcher case for IRA disarmament but Sinn Fein intends to tell the Governments today that their proposals for breaking the

deadlock over decommissioning, spelt out in the Hillsborough Declaration of April I. are unacceptable. "The Hillsborough Declaration turns an obligation to use our influence to secure decommissioning into an obligation

to deliver decommissioning," a party spokesman said. "Rewriting the Good Friday agreement is not a proposition we will accept." Government

# **UN expert raises** on several points. fears over RUC

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR United Nations investigator cast doubt yesterday on the integrity of the RUC's investigation into the murder last month of Rosemary Nelson, the human rights lawyer.

In a presentation to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Param Cumaraswarny, the UN's special rapporteur, also backed calls for an independent inquiry into the 1989 murder of Pat Finucane, another Ulster lawyer who represented republicans.

Mr Finucane and Mrs Nelson were killed by loyalist paramilitaries and in both cases there were allegations of security force collusion.

Five human rights organisa-

tions led by Amnesty International also called yesterday for independent inquiries into the two murders but the Northern Ireland Office all but ruled out an independent inquiry into Mrs Nelson's death by reiterating its support for the appoint-ment of Colin Port. Norfolk's Deputy Chief Constable, to

lead the murder hunt. Mr Cumaraswamy, a Malaysian jurist, expressed con-cern that the RUC's involve-ment could "affect and taint the impartiality and credibility of the investigation".

He also claimed there was "prima facie evidence" that the security forces colluded with the Ulster Freedom Fighters in the murder of Mr Finucane.

lam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and David Andrews. the Irish Foreign Minister. would hear the parties' re-sponses to the declaration today before Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, decided whether to return to Northern Ireland themselves on Thursday.

"We need to assess where the parties are after the Easter break and see how much room for progress there is. There's no point in them coming just for the sake of coming," one senior official said. "The mo-

ment of truth is upon us." Officials are anxious to see whether Sinn Fein leaders will take a softer line on decommissioning in private, and say that the Government is ready to unveil its vision of a demilitarised Northern Ireland. In public. Sinn Fein insists that it has no room for manoeuvre on the issue.

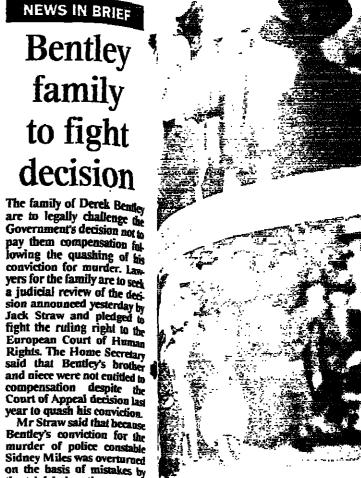
The Ulster Unionist Party's assembly group agreed yester-day that the declaration provided "a basis for negotiation", but said it wanted clarification

It reiterated its demand for a credible and verifiable start to decommissioning before Sinn Fein could join the executive and declared: "The moment of truth has arrived for those paramilitaries who signed up to the agreement and have been extracting the benefits from it for the past year. It is time for them to demonstrate their commitment to peace and to de-

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Age of consent law faces delay

the trial judge, the case was outside the compensation

scheme. He said there were

no other "sufficiently excep-

tional" circumstances to mer-

Government plans to reduce the age of homosexual consent from 18 to 16 could be delayed for more than a year if peers vote against the move tonight. Peers of all parties are preparing to back an amendment to the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill that would kill it outright. If the Government loses, ministers say they will invoke the Parliament Acts to force the Bill onto the statute book but that would delay the law at least until

### Schools lose out on class targets

Three thousand places at primary schools have been lost because of Labour's pledge that no under-sevens class will have more than 30 children by 2001. The schools were una-ble to expand to provide required classroom space. But David Blunkett, Education Secretary, said 15,000 places had been created at schools that had been able to expand.
In January 356,000 infant school pupils were in classes of more than 30, compared with 485,000 the previous year.

### New citizens

'should celebrate' Jack Straw yesterday called public ceremonies at which people would celebrate becoming new citizens of the United Kingdom. The Home Secretary said becoming a British citizen was "something worth celebrating" and should be formally recognised at events held regularly around the country. Mr 🚱 Straw said the ceremonies would replace the existing system under which a new citizen gets a certificate sent through the post.

### GPs trained for drugs epidemic

Doctors are to be trained to treat drug addicts under new guidelines because drug misuse is so common that GPs have to regard it as a common illness. In a six month period 30,000 people currently seek medical help. The Government has updated eightyear-old guidelines and has allocated £50 million towards developing support services. More than half of those seeking help from doctors are in their twenties and one in seven is in their teens.

# Police relax

Stonehenge bar

For the first time in six years police will not be enforcing a four-mile "exclusion zone" around Stonehenge during the summer solstice. The decsion, which follows a ruling by the House of Lords, has led to fears of a "hippy" invasion with thousands of revel lers converging on the ancient monument. English Heritage originally banned the public from the stone cirde in 1988 after years of clashes between police and people. attending a pop festival.



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They still wear hats: a mock WI meeting from the





# Men show taste for WI models of propriety

By HELEN RUMBELOW

MEN of a certain age were hurrying yesterday to buy a calendar that, while unlikely to replace the usual collection of garage wall pin-ups, nevertheless shows life a little in the raw. It was launched at elevenses yesterday by 12 members of a Yorkshire village Women's Institute featured in semi-decorous poses on its pages, and by teatime more than 500 had been sold to "older gentle-

The women, aged 45 to 65, are from the Rylstone branch, near Skipton. Tricia Stewart, 50, who is Miss October, partly shielded by an apple press, said: "We've all been amazed at the reaction: we've been in hot demand. It's a celebration of older women done tastefully that I

think men have been impressed by." The Rev Keith Hopper, the local Methodist minister, said: "I think it is a brilliant thing they have done. Hopefully it will make people laugh. I might even consider

Terry Logan, the photographer and husband of Miss July, 55-year-

putting it up at home."

ness, which is refreshing. I think they're attractive photographs as they're not frightened of their bodies."

The calendar was conceived to cheer a member's husband, John Baker, who was dying of leukemia. Natalie Atkins, manager of one of the local pubs, said: "We think it's fantastic, it's so tasteful and so fun-

are not like ordinary middle-aged

women, they're young at heart and enjoy every minute of life." Rita Swallow, vice-chairwoman of the North Yorkshire West Federation of the WI, said that the calendar would help with the institute's change of image. "We have been involved from very early on, as has headquarters down in London. It

### **RADICAL ROOTS OF AN INSTITUTION**

The "Jam and Jerusalem" movement had radical beginnings when it was formed in 1915, inspired by progressive women in Canada. The aim of the first WI members was to help rural women to support the war effort, with one of the first lectures on jam-making. A competition was held in the 1920s to find a theme song. No decision was made, but Jerusalem was sung at the 1924 annual meeting and has been associated with it ever since.

There are now 250,000 members, including the Queen and her mother, who has been a member of the Sandringham chapter since 1937. The WI has had a change of image and has its own school, Denham College, near Oxford, which offers members courses in ballroom dancing, assertiveness and the history of aviation.

# You can't get richer than Mr Kwik-Fit

GILLIAN HARRIS AND SARAH CUNNINNGHAM

ONLY two days ago, Sir Tom Farmer was listed in The Sun-315th wealthiest man in Britain with an estimated fortune of £75 million. By lunchtime yesterday he had leapfrogged at least 50 places with the acquisition of a further £77.3 million, all of it in folding money.

By selling his Kwik-Fit tyre and exhaust chain to the Ford motor company in a £1 billion deal, the self-made tycoon from the humblest roots in Edinburgh's Leith district has hurdled the likes of Sir Frank Williams, the motor racing team owner, the pop star Sting and Chris Evans, the radio presenter, each worth a mere £85 million or so, to sit beside the former Beatle George Harrison in the pre-

mier league of seriously

Sir Tom, 58, is Catholic with a Presbyterian outlook on wealth

and an incurable dose of the Protestant work ethic. He in-tends to remain in full-time charge of his chain of 1,900 car repair denots strung across Britain. Ireland and continental Europe.

Having shot overnight from Scotland's 23rd richest man to its 17th, Sir Tom said yesterday that he expected little more time than before to pursue his outside interests, extensive though they are. The trouble with retirement, he said on a previous occasion, is that you never get a day off.

I'll remain chairman and chief executive, and I'll be doing some work for Ford. Ford has its own strategy and plans

Tycoon leaps up wealth list after netting £77m from sale

of his tyre and exhaust chain and, if the deal gets the go-ahead from shareholders, we'll sit down and discuss it,"

In his few spare moments, Sir Tom is a philanthropist of note. He leads annual pilgrimages of sick children to Lourdes from his local Catholic church in Leith, and holds the Catholic order of Knight Commander with Star of the Order of St Gregory, the highest "social investment", but takes no active part in running the club, which has just won promotion back into the Premier League after being relegated matches, preferring to spend his Saturday afternoons making surprise check-up visits to branches of his exhaust replacement empire, according

He enjoys foreign travel, having once backpacked with his son around China, returning on the Trans-Siberian Railway. He plays tennis and skis.

Sir Tom was born in one of the poorer districts of the Scottish capital, the youngest of seven children of a shipping agent taking home £5 a week. He now lives with his wife. Anne, in Barnton, the Weybridge of Edinburgh, and drives a Mercedes. He left Holy Cross

to join his brother in the Mer-

chant Navy, but colour blind-

Leith shortly 15th birthday, when his

The firm was sold yesterday in a £1 billion deal award his Church can bestow

on a layman. He supports the Conservative Party with donations, although says he favours an independent Scotland. He was one of the first to take action to aid Kosovan refugees, raising £1.5 million in emergency aid

But his most trying charity is his local football club, Hibernian, which his grandfather had a hand in founding in 1875 and which he bought in 1992 to bail it out of debt. It has since rewarded him with ingratitude. Fans complain that he has not invested enough. and he is under pressure to tip

in only four days.

in more money or resign

store boy to work in a tyre factory. He would have preferred

At 24 he started his own tyre and car accessory company. selling it four years later for £450,000. He and his wife, whom he had met at school, and their two children retired to California, but boredom got the better of him. The family returned to Edinburgh and Sir Tom launched Kwik-Fit in 1971. He sold it three years later for £750,000, but, when the new owners failed to make a

ness prevented him.

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go of it, he bought it back.



Sir Tom Farmer, centre, with his wife, Anne, and John, one of his two children

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President Clinton at a Louisiana air base yesterday where he praised B52 crews for their role in the Balkans conflict

# TOUPS get pep talk and tax break FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON SIDENT Clinton delivate to American troops yes as Congrese 1-

terday as Congress launched into an intense debate on the conflict with Yugoslavia: how best to win it, whether to re-

strict it and how to pay for it. In a rallying speech to the crews of B52 bombers, air force personnel and their families at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, Mr Clinton announced that US troops serving in the Balkans would be granted tax exemptions for the duration of the conflict and painted the Nato assault on Yugoslavia as an American crusade against evil.

This is America at its best . this is America trying to get the world to live on human terms so we can have peace and freedom in Europe and our people will not be called to fight a wider war for someone else's madness," he said.

are preparing for confronta-tion on Capitol Hill, where disagreement over the possible use of ground troops reflects public uncertainty as well as political divisions over Nato

strategy.
With many congressional leaders demanding tougher action in Yugosalvia, US officials have begun openly dis-cussing the possible deployment of ground troops; but Mr Clinton met a group of senior legislators yesterday to discuss the crisis and push the Administration's line that airstrikes will succeed if given ad-

John McCain, the Republican senator and presidential hopeful, has emerged as the unofficial spokesman for the hawks. Mr McCain was part of the bipartisan congression-

weekend, and he returned demanding a bipartisan resolution "that authorises the President to use all means necessary" to win, including ground

Those views are echoed by several leading Democrats, including Senator Joseph Lieberman, who said: "We want President Milosevic to know that we are not going to stop with the air war if that doesn't work." Mr Lieberman said that Nato would soon draw up plans for ground troops and predicted "the 'thinking' that

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ton's supporters have crincised Nato for appearing to rule out ground troops from the outset, congressional support for a land war in Kosovo is far from general. Before Congress went into recess, the Senate approved a measure supporting airstrikes, but 38 of 55 Republican senators opposed it and many remain critical of the way Mr Clinton has

handled the crisis. Republican Congressman Tom Campbell said that he would introduce a resolution calling for a vote on whether the US should continue to take part in the air war. Another proposal calls for arming the Kosovo Liberation Army and yet another says that funds for sending ground troops should be denied without express authorisation from Congress

# An economy cut dead by conflict

NATO'S bombardment of Serbia is beginning not only to dent the efficiency of President Milosevic's army but also to handicap an already sickly civil economy. It is this economic breakdown rather than battlefield defeats that may eventually force the Serbian leader to his knees.

The damage to bridges, roads, railway networks and pipelines is all too evident.

Nato estimates that it will take \$13 billion (£8 billion) to restore the infrastructure destroyed in the past 20 days of aerial warfare.

Certainly shares of German construction companies there is no more cold-eyed measure of a war's progress have been soaring on hopes of big reconstruction projects.

Serbia is being wiped out as an industrial economy. The bombing of a white goods factory in Cecak destroyed hundreds of vacuum cleaners and electric stoves destined for Russia, one of Serbia's most important trading partners. About 8 per cent of Yugoslav exports go to Russia and 10 per cent of imports come from

tics factory in Pristina, a building company in Novi Sad, and the country's biggest bus depot in Grijilance. The Zastava car factory in Kragujevac maker of the Yugo car was flattened by six bombs on the eve of the Orthodox Easter. A nearby power station was also hit.

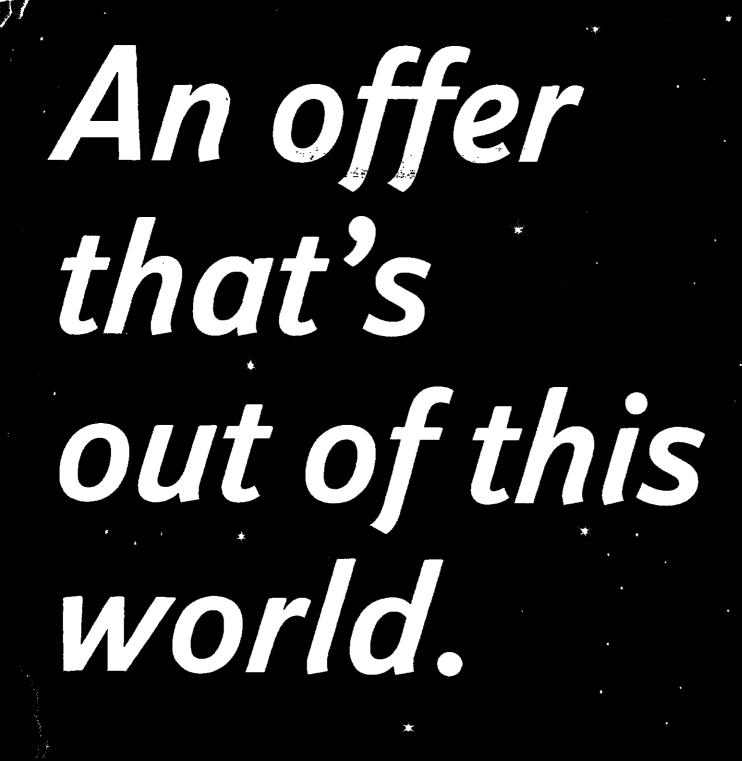
The main targets have been oil refineries and fuel depots on the principle that an army cannot move without petrol and fighters cannot fly. The Serbian army has cer-

tainly become slower. But farmers have also been unable to carry out the spring sow-ing and fertilise their fields. Even if the war ended today, there would be serious shortages this winter of corn. cooking oil and sugar.

About 33 per cent of Yugo-slav exports go to the European Union, but the stop to European investment, the end of flights in and out of the country, the interruption of other transport routes, the blocking of the Danube waterways: all this ensures that the Serbian emy is cut off from West-

A war economy conceals weakness, but only for a short while. German bankers assume that Mr Milosevic is keeping the economy-affoat with help from Russia and China. Many leading Serbs and a few Serb institutions have switched their finance offshore, to Cyprus, and intelligence sources say there may be a Cypriot lifeline to the Yugoslav economy.

But the overall picture is dismal: Serbia is being driven into bankruptcy by its leader.



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# **BALKANS WAR: DIPLOMATIC BATTLE**

# Yeltsin evades Duma attack

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FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW

THE Russian Duma voted yesterday to postpone indefinitely impeachment proceedings against President Yeltsin. A final decision had been due this Thursday.

"This is embarrassing for the Duma, but not as embarrassing as failing to get enough votes, which is happened if they had gone ahead," said Leonid Radzikhovsky, of the weekly news magazine Segodnya.

Mr Yeltsin had asked that the vote should be taken on Thursday as planned, knowing that he had campaigned enough behind the scenes for the seemingly interminable impeachment proceedings against him to fail.

The postponement is a part victory for Mr Yeltsin after a week of threats and negotiations as the President tried to avert disaster. "All this populist talk about a union between Russia, Belarus and Yugoslavia has ruined the Duma's plans for getting rid of Yeltsin," said Mr Radzikhovsky.

Mr Yeltsin is thought to have adopted a strong anti-Nato position in order to consolidate

support in the Duma. However, the President will now have to leave Yevgeni Primakov, the powerful Prime Minister,

Had the Duma voted once and for all not to impeach the President, Mr Yeltsin would have been able to take radical decisions, such as sacking Mr Primakov, from a position of unassailability.

# Belgrade votes for link with Russia

THE Yugoslav parliament yesterday voted overwhelmingly to apply for membership of a confederation with Russia and Belarus.

Vuk Draskovic, the Deputy Prime Minister who opposed the move, issued a warning that Nato's continued bornbardment was helping to recreate a Cold War world which had revived Moscow's historical dream of a port on the Adriatic.

The alliance, which most Serbs hope will result in military co-operation, was pushed through by the power blocks of President Milosevic's Socialist Party and the radical party of the extreme nationalist, Vojislav Seselj. There was little debate, and the parliament to all intents and purposes looked like a government of national unity.

A forlorn Mr Draskovic, the one pro-European voice left in Yugoslav politics, stayed away from the session. "We were forced to offer our state to be part of the Russian empire, just to fall under the Russian umbrella against Nato," said Mr Draskovic, in his office above the vandalised ground floor formerly occupied by the

British Council. "Nato has gone a good way to restoring the Soviet Union and for the first time in its his-



Lone dissenter raises spectre of new Cold War as Serbs turn to Moscow for military aid, writes Tom Walker in Belgrade

tory to extend Russia's border to the Adriatic coast, fulfilling the dreams of Peter the Great." Mr Draskovic said the new superpower dimension to the Kosovo conflict would either help resolve it or precipitate a wider scale war. Mr Draskovic cautioned are developing."

against the forces of communism and nationalism that were waiting to re-emerge in any post-Yeltsin era. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist Party leader, was "half way to the throne", he said, and the lure of Yugoslavia was the "most expensive piece of cheese in history". Mr Zyuganov was in Belgrade during the failed Paris peace talks on Behind Mr Draskovic's col-

ourful language lay a genuine fear in Belgrade that the fight for Kosovo was now not only out of Yugoslav hands, but also beyond Europe.

"Eventually any deal over Kosovo is going to be between Moscow and Washington," Predrag Simic, Mr Drasko-

vic's adviser and one of Serbia's most respected international affairs academics, said. "The ghost of the Cold War is back. I would be the last to see my country divided from others by a quasi Berlin Wall, but this is the way things

Despite a great deal of flagwaving, nostalgic rhetoric and Cossack dancing in Belgrade over the past few days, there has been little tangible evidence of how the new Slav alliance is to work. Moscow is known to have cold feet over the idea, and Serbia's sister state in the Yugoslav federation, Montenegro, has said it wants nothing to do with the alliance. Rumours are still rife in Belgrade, however, that Russian missiles could save the day against Nato's vastly superior airpower, which is starting to take its psychologi-

"We are in a war in which we can't see our enemy for the first time in our history and we are very disappointed." Mr

cal toll on the Serbs.

Draskovic said. "I would prefer the bombardment to stop to seeing Russian missiles. But I tell you that the majority of Serbs want the SA300 missile system. They want revenge. They want to fight Nato."

Mr Draskovic said there was still time for a negotiated settlement, and he reiterated his position that foreign troops though not from Nato countries - would be acceptable in

"It could all be finished in two weeks," he said. "Nato would have to stop its aggression and threats of invasion. and the state forces would immediately be reduced to the level of the Holbrooke-Milosevic meeting of last October. In those days of withdrawal we could complete a political settlement. There would be a full investigation of those who have committed crimes on both sides during these weeks of darkness, and there would be a normalisation of our relations with the European Union. It is the only reasonable

He said today's meeting in Oslo between Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, and Igor Ivanov, the Russian Foreign Minister, could pave the way for a settlement "that Russia wants but America clearly does not.



Robin Cook shows solidarity with Javier Solana at a Nato meeting in Brussels yesterday

# D'Alema and Schröder feel pressure as anti-war sentiment grows



FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

MASSIMO D'Alema, Italy's Prime Minister, faces a critical parliamentary vote on the war in Kosovo today against a background of growing antiwar protests across the country which threaten to topple him and split the alliance.

Virulently anti-war Communist members of Signor D'Ale-

the Nato campaign enters its fourth week with no end in sight and more allied warplanes arriving in Italy.

Diplomats said that if Nato moved to a land offensive, the D'Alema coalition would collapse, placing Nato's continued use of Italian bases in

Signor D'Alema survived a debate on Kosovo at the start of the conflict only by promising to "make all efforts to restore peace as swiftly as possible". Italy has led the humani-

tarian relief effort in Albania - a former Italian colony. But now the patience of his Communist allies is running out and anti-war demonstrations are not only turning violent, but also becoming openly anti-American.

There is still bitter anti-American feeling here following the acquittal in February of a US Marine pilot whose jet sent a cable car plunging to



GERMANY'S Social Democrats confirmed the Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, as their leader by a 75 per cent majority at a party conference in Bonn yesterday, but the result was a setback for the courttry's involvement in the Nato offensive and a blow to the party's pro-business wing (Tony Paterson writes).

The conference was called to appoint Herr Schröder as SPD leader after the resignafor SPD moderates who had hoped that the conference would give Herr Schröder an overwhelming mandate, enabling them to carry out the pro-business reforms they had found difficult to implement under Herr Lafontaine.

It also marred the Government's support for German participation in Nato's Balkans assault. The Chancel-lor's diminished majority was interpreted as a partial victory

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'Callous' guards block aid

Macedonian police are obstructing efforts to care for ailing refugees, reports Stephen Farrell in Skopje

tive police and shortages of medicine have compromised efforts to treat sick Kosovans.

While the lucky majority of refugees are cared for at the well-equipped Nato camps set up by British, German and other forces near the Kosovan border, 1,500 languish at the remote Radusa camp set up by the Macedonian Government. Out of sight down a narrow

dirt road, the perimeter fence is patrolled by armed guards who stop anyone leaving, even refusing to let sick children go to hospital.

Dialeta Nela, 36, told how she had to combat callousness by guards in a camp with grossly inadequate sanitation. medical supplies and food. A veteran of the Bosnian war. she witnessed a Macedonian policeman beat one frail patient in front of her inside a field hospital, and says she has been forced to compromise her professionalism to ensure treatment for patients.

I have to go to the police and buy them Coca-Cola and whisky to go into places and take really sick people out. I have to make with the beautiful eyes and flirt to get things. I thank God I am a woman because I can do more than a man but it is disgusting for me to do it." said Dr Nela, a Kosovan working with the Los Angeles-based International

AN EXHAUSTED doctor in Macedonia yesterday gave a hand the squalor of the Blace grim insight into how obstruc-tive police and shortages of were packed into makeshift tents in scenes that shocked the world, she and one other doctor are now at Radusa. Less than an hour away is the military efficiency of the Natorun Brazde camp, where over the Orthodox Easter weekend British cooks supplied a hot meal to every small child.

But here there are only a handful of makeshift latrines. access from a dirt track that turns into a quagmire when it rains and armed guards on the hillside to stop people fleeing, even though some have relatives or friends living nearby willing to take them in. Many were brought here from Blace by bus, but aid agencies were denied access for days and the only medical treatment was the one IMC tent.

Surrounded by rapidly diminishing supplies of anti-diarrhoea treatments and just six bottles of fever medicine for 1500 people. Dr Nela arrived here only to be told by her predecessors that guards had refused to allow three camp inmates to leave for urgentlyneeded hospital treatment.

Among them was 18-monthold Anjeta Havolli, who for four days suffered constant pain and was unable to take her bottle because of an abscess in her jaw contracted in the cold, wet squalor of Blace. She feared the child could de-



Dialeta Nela says relief supplies that are flown into Macedonia are not reaching the refugees at Radusa camp

"This child must go to hospital immediately," she said. "She needs very strong antibiotics, which we do not have here. The doctors who were here before me told the guards that she and two other people needed to go to hospital, but

For Dr Nela and her col-league Gene Halili, Anjeta's plight sums up the muddle that has prevented the huge worldwide aid effort reaching those who need it.

Even though food and medical supplies are being flown in to Skopje airport by the

planeload, by late last week they had plainly not reached

"We have nothing here. There are medicines in the country, but we cannot get them. We are not able to help these people much more, all we can offer is a few good may be worse tomorrow.

words. Everything is confu-sion." Dr Nela said. "The IMC buys a lot of medical supplies and the UNHCR have the drugs but they are not releasing them where they are needed and are not making contact with us. It is bad today and it BALKANS SUMMARY

# Australia rejects Serb spy charge

Canberra: Australia denounced as "preposterous" the Bel-grade Government's claim that Steve Pratt, the captured aid worker, had been a spy, despite his confession on Serbian tel-evision. Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, said he had demanded the immediate release of both Mr Pratt and Peter Wallace, a second Care Australia aid worker. The pair were detained 12 days ago at the Croatian border.

Mr Downer and Care criticised an Australian newspaper

report which said Mr Pratt. a former army quartermaster. report which said ivit Frail a former army quartermaster, had supplied information to the United Nations while working for Care in Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War. Care said Mr Prait's confession had been made under duress. (Reuters)

# Wellington sends aid

Wellington: A New Zealand military medical team flew to Kosovo on a humanitarian aid mission as the Government announced that it would accept 200 ethnic Albanian refugees. Jenny Shipley, the Prime Minister, said the refugees would be resettled with families of Albanian descent. The team's Hercules C130, with military doctors, medics and nurses, will carry food and other aid to camps in Tirana and Skopje and will work with the Red Cross. (AP)

# 9,000 flee to Turkey

Ankara: More than 9,000 refugees from Kosovo have arrived in Turkey since Nato airstrikes began, the Anatolia news agency reported. The report quoted customs officials in news agency reported. The report quotest customs officials in the province of Edirne, on the border with Greece and Bul-garia, as saying that 5,742 refugees, including 2,125 children and 1,988 women, arrived by road via Bulgaria. A further 3.363 refugees were flown to the airport of Corlu in northwestern Turkey, bringing the total number to 9,105. (AFP)

# 'Peace Train' robbed

Yusuf Islam, the London-based singer formerly known as Cat Stevens, says Macedonian border guards stole DM60,000 (£21,000) from him as his relief convoy crossed into Albania to distribute aid to refugees. The creator of hit songs such as Morning has Broken and Peace Train said:
"We're here to help those people who are going through this problem of ethnic cleansing, and they've robbed us.

# Tudjman ally on trial for war crimes against Bosnian Muslims



Kordic arraigned on 22

FROM SUSAN BELL

A FORMER ally of President Tudiman of Croatia, the influential Bosnian Croat politician and military commander, Dario Kordic, went on trial yesterday before the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, charged with the "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims from central Bosnia in 1992 and 1993.

The trial, which will highlight Croatia's role in the Bosnia conflict. could also shed light on the inner workings of the Zagreb Government and in particular on meetings which Mr Tudjman is said to have had at the time with Yugoslavia's President Milosevic, during which the two leaders are alleged to have discussed the carving up of Bosnia. Mr Tudiman is under investiga-

tion for his role in the ethnic cleansing of Muslims, Serbs and other non-Croatian civilians from Bosnia - a strategy which prosecutors say was intended to give the Croatian leader control over the region. Mr Kordic, 38, one of the most

wanted Croatian war crimes suspects, is accused of 22 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity along with Mario Cerkez, 40, a former car mechanic, who became the commander of a Croatian militia (HVO) brigade in Vitez, central Bosnia, and who the indictment says "was directly and actively involved in the wide-scale persecution of Bosnian Muslim civilians".

United Nations prosecutors say that troops under Mr Kordic's command murdered at least 100 Muslims, including women, children and old people, torching, shelling or dynamiting their homes and sques in a systematic campaign to drive all Muslims out of the Lasva

Many who escaped death were im-

prisoned in detention camps where they were tortured and sexually as-

Among the most important witnesses are members of a British contingent of UN peacekeepers who have told the tribunal of the 1993 massacre of Muslims in Ahmici.

As a high-ranking member of the Bosnian Croat leadership, Mr Kordic knew of and actively participated in the planning of these vicious attacks, the prosecutors said.

For at least part of the time, he was head of the central Bosnian branch of the Croatian Democratic Union, which controlled both civilian and military aspects of Bosnian Croat society. He is thus indicted not only for individual criminal responsibility but also for so-called command responsibility which carries a tougher sentence. The trial is significant too because it will focus on the extent to which a leader can be held accountable for failing to prevent or punish atrocities committed

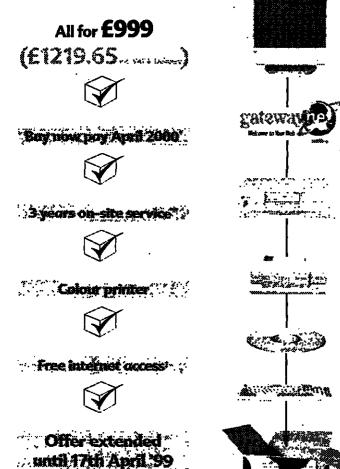
Mr Kordic and Mr Cerkez were among a group of ten suspects indicted by the tribunal who voluntarily surrendered in October 1997 after American and European govern-ments put pressure on Mr Tudjman, with Washington blocking International Monetary Fund and World Bank loans to Croatia.

If convicted of even one of the charges against them, Mr Kordic and Mr Cerkez face life imprisonment. Both have pleaded not guilty.



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### Milosevic tops list of war crimes suspects By MICHAEL BINYON ments are determined that he

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WASHINGTON has announced that nine Serb commanders could face prosecution by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. But head-ing any list will be President Milosevic himself.

The Yugoslav leader has

long been suspected of master-minding the "ethnic cleansing" that began the war in Bosnia. He is now accused of planning the systematic destruction of Albanian homes and communities in Kosovo, the murder of hundreds of civilians and the reign of terror there. However the war ends, Nato and all Western govern-

should answer these charges. Set up on a shoestring in 1993 during the war in Bosnia, the tribunal has now indicted 83 people. Fewer than a third have been apprehended, and the rest are in hiding. But the indictments have already destroyed all the re-

maining influence of two war-

time Bosnian Serb leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, forcing them underground for more than a year to escape arrest.

☐ Madrid: Nato is considering an attempt to capture President Milosevic if he is declared a war criminal, Eduardo Serra, Spain's Defence Minister, said. (AFP)

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# Tirana welcomes Nato offensive

Albania is resisting Serb provocation and has given its backing to a ground offensive, writes Sam Kiley in Tirana

yesterday welcomed Nato plans to increase significantly the number of troops in the country after a spate of border incidents in which Kosovan rebels and Albanians came under fire from Serb mortars and

machineguns. Observers with the Organisation for Security and Co-opgration in Europe said that the Marian civilians and four fighters with the Kosovo Liheration Army were killed after four Albanian villages came under Serb attack.

After four days of fighting along the border, at least ten wounded Albanian and KLA soldiers were being treated in the Bajram Curri hospital, sparking belligerent state-ments by the Serb and Albanian Governments and fears that the two countries were eliding into an all-out war.

"Nato needs to intervene to neutralise the Serb artillery near the border with Albania because it has been firing in the direction of Albanian territory in the past few days," Petro Koci, Albania's Interior

The Albanian Government. We have which met in emergency sesgiven Nato sion on Sunday, called the mortar attack on the the right to border town of Tropoje "a grave control our violation" of the country's territointegrity. airspace Albanian

In Belgrade, Serbian state television said Albanian forces were supporting an attempted incursion into Kosovo by hun-

dreds of KLA fighers. The increase in Nato ground troops in Albania aircraft were arriving every 15 minutes with men and weapons yesterday - has raised hopes among Kosovan refugees here that the allied forces would be used to occupy their. homeland and set up a form of international protectorate, effectively removing Kosovo from the Yugoslav federation.

It has also boosted morale among ordinary Albanians who fear that the Serbs are likely to try to turn the Kosovo crisis into a wider Balkan war by attacking Albanian posi-tions along the border.

Last week the Albanian Army, an ill-equipped force of men in thick woollen uniforms reminiscent of the Second World War, reinforced the northern border areas with antiquated artillery pieces.

A senior Albanian officer said he was under no illusions troops to enter Kosovo.

that the show of force would make any difference to the Serbs, who have been digging

tanks into defensive positions. "On the one hand, they look likely to attack us at any moment. On the other, they are clearly setting up defences for a ground attack by Nato. The good news for Nato is that in doing this they make their armour less mobile and easier to attack," he said.

Serb snipers at the Morine border crossing tried to provoke Albanian troops into a full-scale battle by firing on their positions, he said.

We have been ordered to maintain a low profile and not to react to the Serb provocations. It's difficult when we see buildings burning behind them and have to watch as they take refugee women out of the queues trying to get into Albania and rape them. But I am looking forward to seeing them all killed by Nato when the AlOs (anti-tank aircraft) come in. That's going to be great," said an Albanian soldier on the border at Morine. About 8,000 troops, mainly

Americans, are due to arrive in Albania this week. They will be backed by 24 Apache attack helicopters and an additional 82 Nato contin-

ues to insist that for a ground invasion are on the shelf. and ports? man admitted that they were regularly viewed. In northern Albania

secret service agents from most Nato countries have been working closely with the KLA over the past two weeks in selecting targets for Nato air attacks, and assessing the strength of the rebels:

Paskal Milo, the Foreign Minister, said: "The Albanian Government is ready to accept other ground troops from Nato. We have decided to give Nato the right to control all our airspace, ports and any other kind of military infrastructure.

The 8,000 Nato troops given the task of running Operation Allied Harbour, a humanitarian mission to help the 300,000 Kosovans who have taken refuge in Albania from Serb atrocities, were being seen as the first of a wave of Nato troops which the Albanian Government hopes to see ar-

rive in the country soon. Tirana has signalled its enthusiasm for the allied attacks on Yugoslavia and thrown what weight it has behind a growing clamour for ground

# Alliance rethink on composition of Kosovo peace force

By Michael Evans

ato governments are beginning to change their view about the composition of the "international force" that would be deployed to Kosovo in the event of a diplomatic resolution to

Although the British Government appears resolutely opposed to any military force which is not led by Nato, other alliance members are already considering alternatives which might be more acceptable to Belgrade.

Until now, the position of the alliance was that Nato was the only organisation which had the command and control set-up, the military muscle and the cohesion to mount a complex peace implementation force. On that basis, the military annexe to the Rambouillet draft accord specifically requested the signato-ties to "invite Nato to consti-

tute and lead" a military force. The annexe also stated that the Nato forces would consist of ground and air elements and that non-Nato countries could play a role, provided they agreed to come under the political control of the North Allantic Council "through the

Nato chain of command". While determined to stick to this formula, London has always been prepared to consider different labelling for the force to help President Milosevic overcome any domestic opposition to having a large military presence in Kosovo opera force would work". ating under the Nato flag.

Whatever the labelling however, whether it involved United Nations or the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). London has remained adamant that the force would still

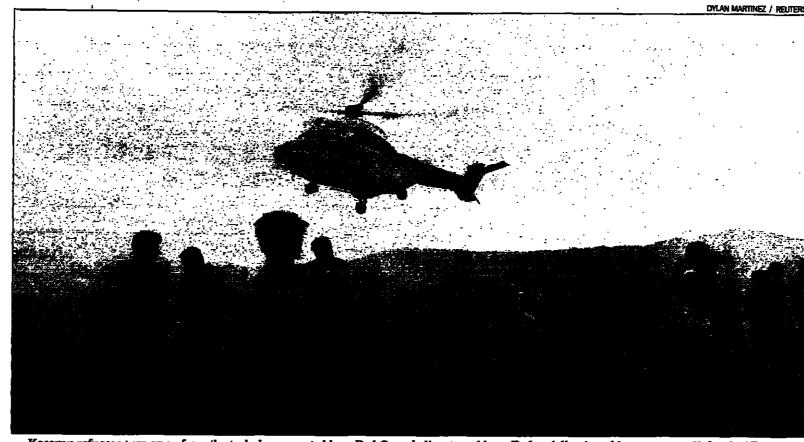
he commanded by Nato.

A Foreign Office official said: "The one thing we have been absolutely firm about is that the military force cannot have a dual-key command arrangement, as we had in Bosnia-Herzegovina during the early period of the UN-Nato peacekeeping mission."

However, since Belgrade rejected the Rambouillet peace package by claiming that Yugoslavia could never countenance a Nato force on its territory, and that position would be even more entrenched now, renewed efforts are being made to devise an international force that could be deployed to suit all tastes.

sked whether the OSCE could be put in charge. Alain Richard, the French Defence Minister. said yesterday it was possible to imagine a force in Kosovo that would not be "under the direct authority of Nato". Germany is also considering alter-

But George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, remains uncompromising. "A Natoled force is our plan and our view." He said non-Nato countries, such as Russia, could contribute troops, but Nato command and control was "essential to make sure that such



Kosovan refugees turn away from the turbulence created by a Red Cross helicopter taking off after delivering aid to a camp at Kukes in Albania

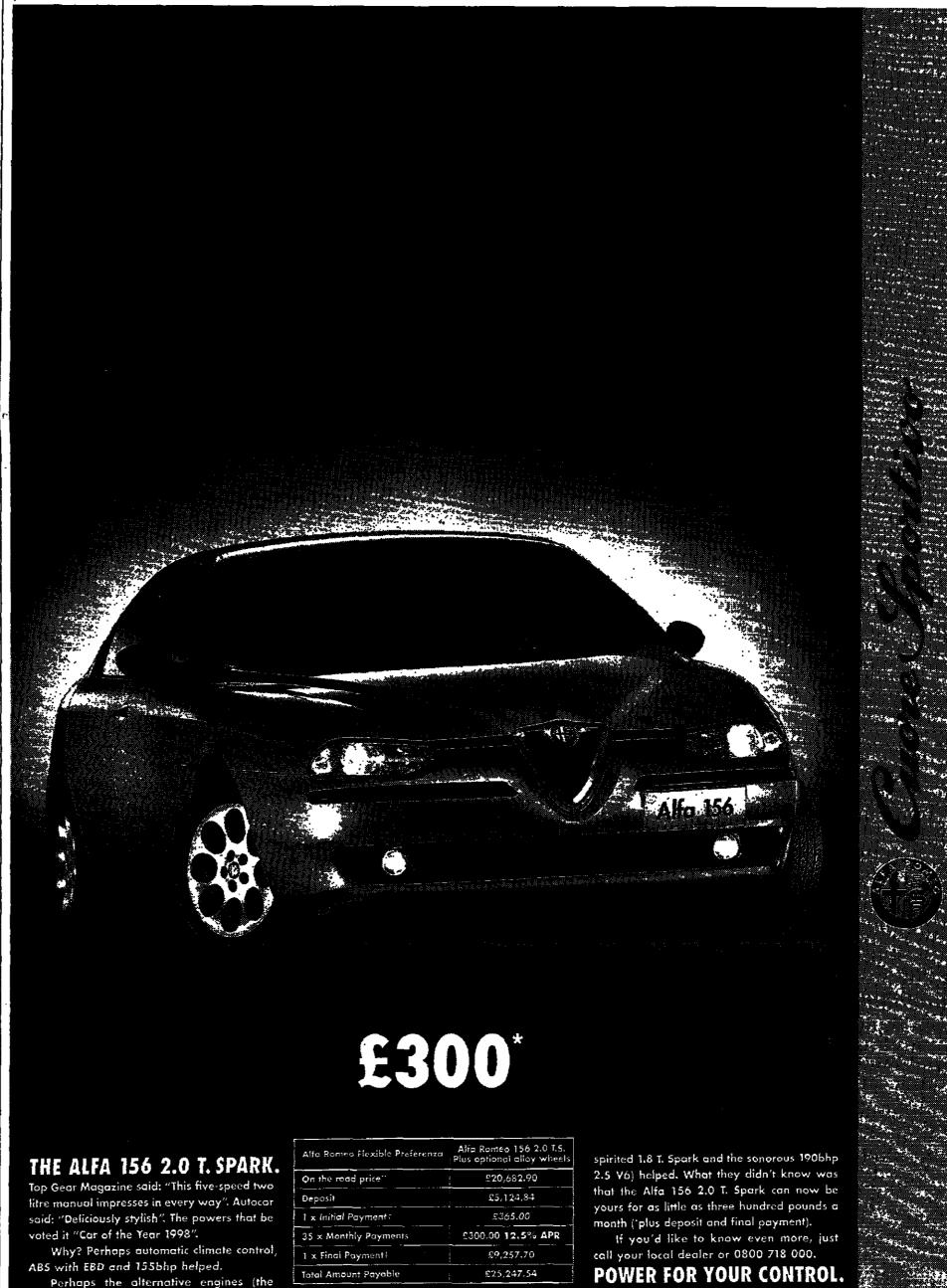
# **Morning** after pills for victims

EMERGENCY supplies of the morning-after contraceptive pill are being sent to Kosovan refugees in Albania for use by women who have been raped during the conflict (Alexandra Frean writes).

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) said yesterday that it was sending a \$60,000 (£37,000) aid package that also contained condoms, supplies of the contraceptive pill and pregnancy testing kits.

Clare Hoffman, spokeswoman for the organisation, said that such supplies were often overlooked in emergency relief situations in the rush to provide basics, such as food, clothing and shelter. Ms Hoffman said that there was bound to be a

need for the morning-after "In past situations, in Rwanda and Bosnia, we know that women were



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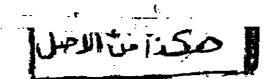
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# Tapioca plant may yield cure for cancer

Cassava gene produces virus that kills tumours, writes Nick Nuttall

THE plant from which tapioca pudding is made may hold the key to a powerful anti-cancer drug. Genes isolated from the plant have been used successfully to eradicate brain tumours in laboratory rats. Tests on human tissue are proressing well, it is claimed.

Professor Monica Hughes. a plant geneticist at the University of Newcastle, has been studying the cassava plant. Although it is a staple crop for 500 million people in Africa, Asia and South America, cassava is rarely used in research in the developed world because it is rarely eaten or grown in Western countries.

Cassava also has a deadly downside. It produces a toxin. hydrogen cyanide, to deter grazing animals from eating it. Thousands of people a year are crippled from chronic cyanide poisoning when the crop is badly processed during preparation and cooking.

Professor Hughes has collaborated with cancer specialists at the University of Autonoma in Madrid to study the plant's secrets. The work has attracted attention from pharmaceutical firms, which are now carrying out tests on hu-



Monica Hughes: hopeful

man tissue cultures with promising results.

Professor Hughes, of Newcastle's School of Biochemistry and Genetics, said yesterday that, if trials in human beings went well, a possible new treatment for cancer could be available in "five to ten years".

Cassava produces a chemical called linamarin and an enzyme known as linamarase, which breaks down the linamarin into the cyanide compound. Professor Hughes has isolated and cloned the gene in cassava that makes the enzyme. This, in turn, has been genetically engineered into a retrovirus that can punch its way into cells to de-

liver a deadly payload.

The virus has been tested by the Spanish collaborators on brain tumours in laboratory rats. The tumour cells are injected with a steady drip of linamarin and then the virus is injected into the cancer cells

to trigger the deadly reaction.
The team found that the brain turnour was destroyed in about a week. But neighbouring healthy cells, which were not impregnated with linamarin, were largely left unharmed. Any linamarin that escapes from the treatment area to other parts of the body is excreted harmlessly in the

Professor Hughes, whose seven years of research has been funded under a European Union programme, said that the team also hoped to develop genetically modified strains of cassava in which the cyanide production is switched off, to reduce ill health in the de-

A spokesman for the University of Newcastle said yesterday that on no account should it be inferred that eating tapio-



A dancer of the English National Ballet rehearses Swan Lake in London yesterday. The group is to take the production to Australia and Hong Kong

# GP told patient with stab Pupils hired to wound to treat himself

A VILLAGE GP left the scene of an attempted spicide, in which a man stabbed himself in the throat, telling relatives to stanch the blood themselves, the General Medical Conneil was told yesterday.

Sivagurunathan Sriranga ingam, who was born in Sri Lanka, admitted neglecting three patients and was found guilty of serious professional

suicide, he had previously told the family he could not call as his car was blocked by snow. He made no attempt to ca pudding could cure cancer. | call out another doctor. An-

other patient who called him out because she was vomiting was told that she was suffering a reaction to medication and would feel better the next day. She died later in hospital from a brain haemorrhage.

spital, where she died.

In a third case, involving a woman suffering abnormally swollen legs, the doctor failed to examine her adequately and missed the fact that she was suffering from cirrhosis of the liver. Some weeks later worried relatives took her to

In the case of the attempted Edward Henry, for the council, acknowledged that the patients' deaths were not being directly attributed to the doctor's failures. Howev er, he had neglected his "fundamental responsibilities" to them. The council's professional conduct committee placed stringent conditions

on the doctor for 12 months. He was ordered to improve his knowledge of therapeutic medicine and seek advice about his clinical practice. He was also ordered to re-duce the number of patients, currently more than 4,000. The doctor, from Trimdon Station, Co Durham, admitted failing to treat his patients adequately.

# remove asbestos

By Paul Wilkinson

TWO brothers employed schoolboys to remove dangerous asbestos lagging from a factory, a court was told yesterday. Andrew Medley and his brother, Neil, have admitted using two boys aged 15 and one aged 14 during work at a turbine plant.

Leeds Crown Court was told that Neil Medley, 37, from Menston, West Yorkshire, and Andrew Medley, 36, from Rawdon, Leeds, were directors of Medleys Ltd. which specialised in stripping the potentially lethal mineral insulation. and was put into liquidation in

Among several breaches of health and safety legislations that Neil Medley admitted were: exposing staff to asbestos while carrying out work at Howsham Hall School in Malton, North Yorkshire, in 1994; and exposing people to asbes-tos at AET Components at Yeadon, near Leeds, without ensuring that the premises were

cleaned, in 1996. The brothers will be sentenced on Friday. A further charge of allowing waste asbestos to be deposited on land

# Former inspector became cheating constable

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A FORMER inspector in the Hong Kong Police thought that traffic duties were beneath him when he returned to Britain as a lowly constable.

John Lee, 32, who had been used to leading a team fight-ing serious crime in what was a British colony, cut corners when investigating minor road traffic accidents for Greater Manchester Police. He failed to carry out inquiries into two accidents, making up paperwork to suggest there was no point in proceeding.

At Minshull Street Crown Court yesterday Lee was fined £1,000 with £700 costs after admitting two charges of misconduct in public office. He now faces a disciplinary hearing and dismissal from the force. Judge Woodward told Lee that he had been too lazy to put himself out over what he considered to be minor incidents. "It may well be the fact that you had worked at a higher level on more serious work in Hong Kong. Coming back to

the UK to work in traffic was below your capabilities and you thought you were justified in taking this action. I hope you are now disabused of this Kate Blackwell, for the prosecution, said that Lee, from Worsley, committed the offences between June 1997 and October last year while based at Moston, Manchester. In the

first accident security cameras had filmed a Mercedes crashing into a parked car. The driver accepted the blame and offered to pay for the damage but Lee said there was insufficient evidence to proceed.

In the second incident a driv-

er had sped off after shunting a vehicle from behind. The owner of the damaged car took the offender's registration number but Lee did not take a statement. When he filed his report it contained a false statement and a false address.

Philip Cattan, for Lee, said his client had been used to a supervisory role and had no experience of dealing with traffic cases. "This man has lost his good character that led him to be an inspector for seven years in the Hong Kong Police."

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Mardi Gra bomber

'has brain damage'

The judge in the Mardi Gra bombing case agreed yesterday to hear evidence from a neuropsychiatrist tomorrow after it was claimed that Edgar Pearce, 61, who has admitted planting 36 devices at Barclays banks and Sainsbury stores. is suffering from brain damage and should be sent to Broadmoor special hospital. Nadine Radford, QC, Pearce's counsel, said that a stroke had apparently triggered long-term deteriora-

tion that would be worsened by prison conditions. Michael

Hyam, the Recorder of London, said at the Old Bailey that

Pearce's condition seemed like that of many other men of his

age who drank too much or who could be facing jail, but he

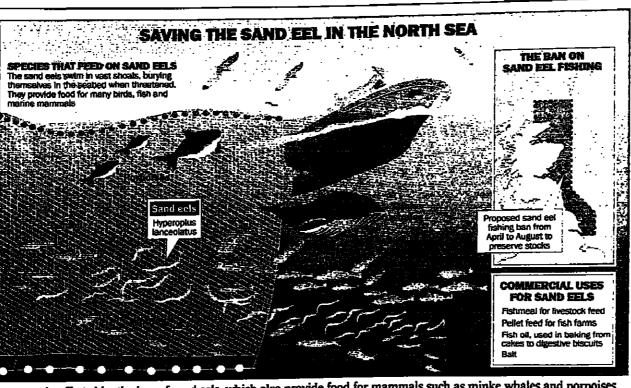
wanted to make sure that Pearce, of Chiswick, West London

Mourners filled Golders Green crematorium. London, to overflowing for the funeral of the composer Lionel Bart, One of his songs, Where is Love?, from Oliver!, was sung by the so-

prano Philip Cross before the commital prayers. Sir Cameron Mackintosh said: "He was continually pushing the boundaries of the musical forward." Donovan, the pop star, who knew Bart for 30 years, said: "There's not one songwriter I know whom Lionel has not influenced."

Composer's funeral





The breeding success of kittiwakes on the Isle of May has been severely affected by the loss of sand eels, which also provide food for mammals such as minke whales and porpoises

# Fishing ban to save birds

availability of sand eels."

Dr Wanless said there were now

fears that the kittiwake colony, one of

Britain's biggest, was failing to re-plenish itself. "We estimate a survival

between 1997 and 1998 of 76 per cent, far too low to sustain the population."

sures of the sand eel fishery from Ork-

ney to Humberside during the breed-

ing season. Elliot Morley, the Agricul-

Britain has proposed seasonal clo-

NORTH SEA sand eel fishing is fac-ing a seasonal ban because of a dramatic decline in life at key nesting sites for seabirds. A powerful committee of scientists that advises the European Commission is to propose the ban on the mainly Danish industry after British researchers showed that it could also be harming wildlife such as seals, salmon and whales.

The researchers, from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology in Banchory, Aberdeenshire, recorded a dramatic fall in the population and breeding success of kittiwakes on the Isle of May in the Firth of Forth. The birds share the same sand eel grounds as the fishermen. In 1990 there were 8,129 pairs of kittiwakes. The new

Decline in kittiwake colony is blamed on sand eel industry, reports Nick Nuttall

studies on population size, breeding success and survival rates suggest that there will be between 2,000 and 4,500 pairs breeding in 2002. In 1997, 4,000 chicks survived to leave the nest: last year there were fewer than 100. The researchers found that the

birds, which are faithful to breeding sites, rely heavily on the sand eels in and around an area on the east coast known as Wee Bankie. Sarah Wanless, from the institute,

said yesterday that the kittiwakes were the "canary in the coal mine".

ture reserve near Flamborough, East Yorkshire, that the researchers' findings would feature in a report by the International Council for the Explora-tion of the Sea, which advises the Eu-She added: "There has been a relentropean Commission and European less decline. The species appears parfisheries ministers on quotas. ticularly sensitive to changes in the

Euan Dunn, fisheries expert at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said that the findings gave the first scientific weight to the urgent need for closed areas during the breeding season. John Harwood, of the Sea Mammal Research Unit at the University of St Andrews, said sand eels could be as important for minke whales and porpoises as they

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mation on wildlife reserves, conservation issues and threats to birds

suffered no injustice.

Scotland Yard detectives were given legal access yesterday to material from the Granada TV interviews with the five suspects arrested for the murder of Stephen Lawrence. Michael Hyams, the Recorder of London, made an order for disclosure under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act during a hearing in chambers at the Old Bailey. The interviews, by Martin Bashir, were shown in the first edition of the Tonight programme broadcast last Thursday.

Yard sees interviews

# Clinton invitation

Hillary Clinton is to join Cherie Booth. QC, in addressing a conference of judges and lawyers in London next month on child abuse. Mrs Clinton, a lawyer with a longstanding interest in children and the law, is coming at the personal invitation of Ms Booth, who will chair the event, organised by the charity Child Line. The conference will discuss improvements to the way the criminal and civil justice systems deal with children. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will also speak.

# Search for cancer gene

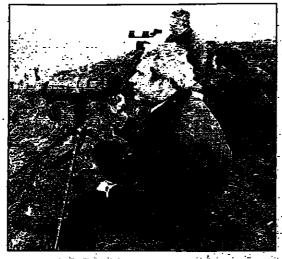
Brothers and sisters born with a large number of moles are being recruited for research into the genes responsible for malignant melanoma, the most serious skin cancer, which kills 1,500 people a year. People with 50 or more moles are more susceptible to it, and doctors believe they carry the same genes that are responsible for the cancer. Volunteers, who should come from a family with at least three or four siblings. should telephone Doug Easton on 01223 740160.

# Claws in the contract

The buyer of a 19th-century stone cottage for sale in the countryside near Bath will have to sign a contract agreeing to look after the current owner's cat. Diane Marriott said that she thought it would be unfair to uproot her six-year-old pet, Lily, from their home in the village of Timsbury when she moves to Birmingham. "Lily is a country cat," Ms Marriott said. "She knows the village like the back of her paw and all the neighbours love her."

### THREE-YEAR CENSUS AIMS TO COUNT EVERY SEABIRD

Elliot Morley, the Agriculture Minister, right, helps to launch a survey to count the millions of seabirds living around the coasts of Britain and Ireland. The project, Seabird 2000, which will use hundreds of volunteers and take three years, is being run by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. An RSPB spokesman said at the launch at Bempton Cliffs Nature Reserve, Humberside, that new techniques would be pioneered including playing calls at night to burrowing seabirds such as stormy petrels. "The volunteers will then count the calls coming back to assess how many are in the burrows," he said.



A COMPREHENSIVE Countryside Bill is being drawn up for the Queen's Speech. The Bill, piloted by Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, will increase protection for animals and plants and fulfil government commitments to providing the right to roam on private land.

By NICK NUTTALL

ENVIRONMENT

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There is also an outside chance that it will strengthen protection of hedgerows and

areas of outstanding natural lands, and species such as the beauty. It is hoped that mergdormouse and red squirrel. ing several pieces of legislation will save them from fallfirmed that he hoped to combine legislation on the right to

Meacher hopes to catch

two prey with one Bill

ing off the legislative timetable. News of the plan comes as 21 leading wildlife and conservation groups today present a 250.000-name petition to John Prescott, the Environment Secretaiy, demanding improve-ments to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The Act covers the protection of sites of special scientific interest, lowland wildflower meadows, ancient woodland and heath-

farmers who damage them. The laws, which would cover off-road activities of fourwheel-drive and motorcycle enthusiasts, would require offenders to repair damage.

Yesterday Mr Meacher con-

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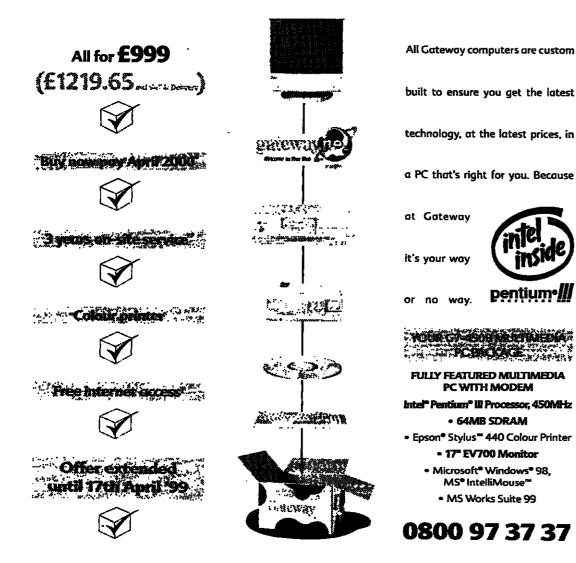
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# Animal lovers enlist Christ in meat war



One of PETA's earlier campaigns was directed at the fur trade, and won the support of stars such as Pamela Anderson

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THE billboard was deep in the Bible Belt, but it was also in the heart of cattle country, and beef won out over religion. After just three days the hoarding was gone, taken down amid a storm of controversy in Am-

The advertisement had carried a bold and provocative headline: "Jesus Was a Vegetarian". In smaller type it read, "Show respect for God's creatures - follow Him". Alongside was a portrait of Jesus, with an orange slice for a halo.

The message was from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta), an activist group which has recruited Jesus to its campaign to

stop the slaughter of animals. Advertising in Amarillo was a calculated way of attracting publicity. After all, it was Amarillo cattlemen who sued Oprah Winfrey, seeking damages of \$11 million (£6.9 million) from the television hostess for "defaming" the beef industry by raising the spectre of "mad cow" disease. They lost.

The question of whether Christ was in fact a vegetarian is stirring debate among Christians. Bruce Friedrich, Peta's vegetarian co-ordinator and a Roman Catholic, cites Activists challenge Texas ranchers on their home turf.

Ian Brodie writes scholarly research as indicating that Christ belonged to the Essenes, a Jewish sect that according to some

historians rejected animal sacrifices

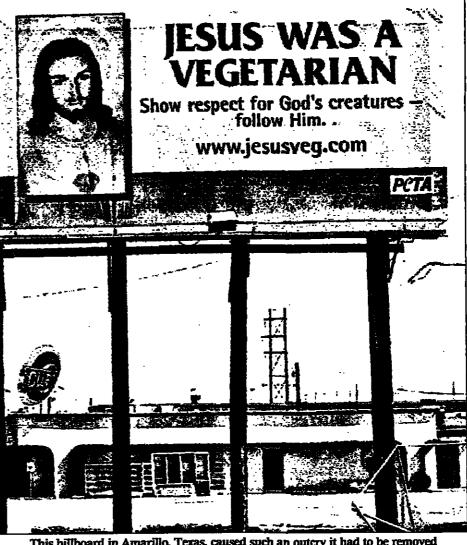
and were strict vegetarians. Mr Friedrich argues that in biblical times animal sacrifice was an excuse for humans to eat animal flesh, but Christ challenged sacrifices at every turn. In Mr Friedrich's view, the Last Supper was a vegetarian Passover meal. He argues that Christ's message of compassion and love for all God's creation is obviously at odds with the miserable lives and violent deaths suffered by animals in factory farms and slaughterhouses. "He would be appalled by the degree of torture we inflict on

point is Christ's miracle of the loaves and fishes. But Mr Friedrich insists that the early accounts mention only loaves, and the fish were added to the story later by Christians for whom the fish had become a symbol of their faith.

Peta's arguments were described as thin by Michael White, director of religious studies at the University of Texas in Austin. "This is just another cause making bad use of scripture," he said. True, there is no mention in the New Testament of Christ eating poultry, beef or lamb, but silence about the food consumed was no argument one way or the other,

Peta expounds on why Christians should be vegetarians through its website, www.jesusveg.com. The an-imal-rights group also bombards re-ligious leaders with letters and pamphlets. Mr Friedrich admitted that an appeal for slaughterhouses to close on Good Friday had produced no results.

From its headquarters in Virginia. Peta also wages fights against clothing made from leather and fur.



# Church cash crisis hits poor parishes

Cost of pensions leaves too little

for stipends, reports **Ruth Gledhill** 

THE Church of England has made public yet, were drawn left itself too little cash to pay for its day-to-day ministry in the most deprived areas of the country, the head of the Church Commissioners admit-

ted yesterday. Little more than a tenth of the cost of clergy pay is now being met from the central inds that are managed by the commissioners. Ten years ago more than half the cost of dergy stipends was met by the commissioners. One difficulty is the cost of pensions, which has doubled in ten years.

A set of radical proposals to help to raise funds for poor parishes has been presented to the new Archbishops' Council. It comes as parishioners have already doubled their giving, taking it to record lev-

els in 1998. The average through covenants and other methods of planned giving has increased from £3.40 a week in 1990 to £6 in 1997. Total giving, including the collection plate, has risen from an average of £1.94 to £3.15 over

Wealthy dioceses such as Guildford and Chichester have already forgone any contribution from the commissioners to enable the poorer dioceses such as Durham, Liverpool and Sheffield to pay their

One diocese, Portsmouth, received £450,000 from the commissioners in 1992 to pay dergy but last year received only £32,000. Across all 43 dioceses, the commissioners pay an average 12 per cent, or £20 million, of the total stipends bill, compared with £66 mil-

The proposals for fundraising, which have not been

up by the mutual support group set up after the Right Rev David Sheppard, the former Bishop of Liverpool, appealed for a fund to support

the neediest parishes.

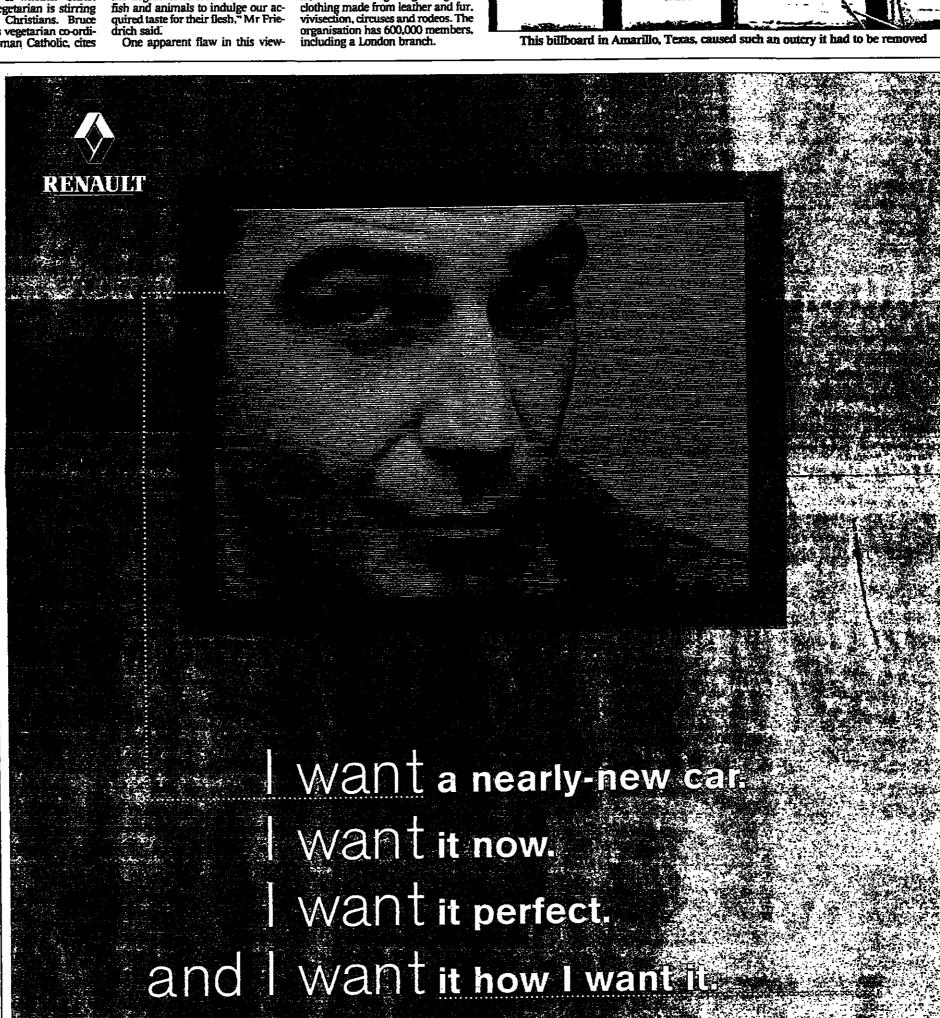
The Church is thought to be taking note of methods used in parishes that have raised large sums: at St Matthew's church in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, worshippers pledged more than £500,000 in do nations towards a refurbishment project in just one day. Worshippers at All Saints in Weston, Bath, pledged a similar sum in one day to refur-bish the church hall.

Sir Michael Colman, First Church Estates Commissioner, said: "There are areas where mission is needed but the money does not exist. By paying 100 per cent of past pension costs, we have left ourselves too little."

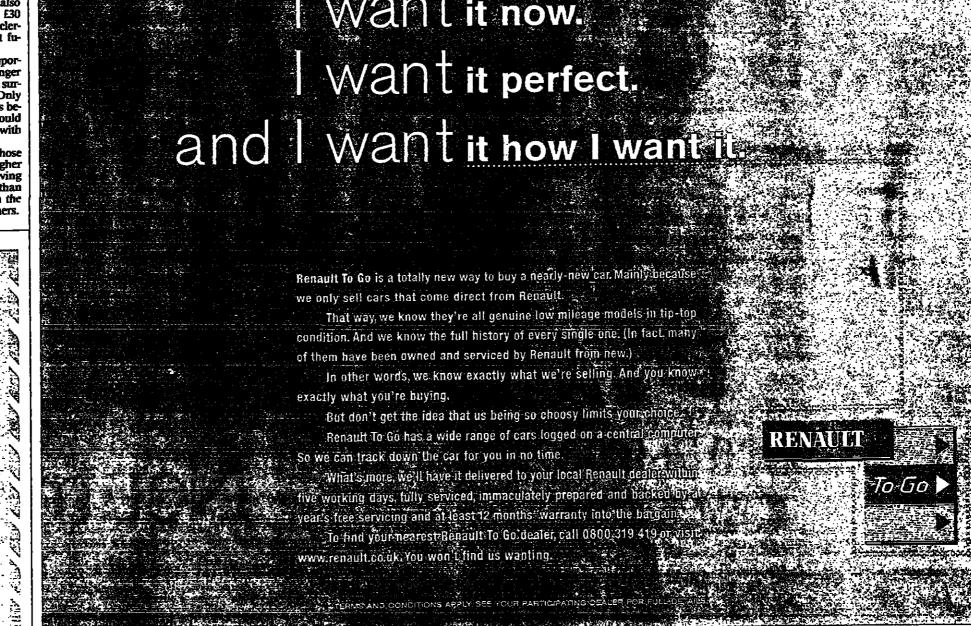
The problem dates from the 1980s, when the commissioners lost millions of pounds in property speculation. In order to meet the cost of pensions the commissioners have progressively cut the contribution to stipends. Parishes are also having to find an extra £30 million to pay into a new clergy pension fund to offset fure pension costs.

☐ Mammon is more important than God for the younger generation, according to a survey published yesterday. Only 44 per cent of respondents believed that faith in God would help them to cope better with life's problems.

By contrast half of those aged 16-34 put money higher on the agenda than achieving greater fulfilment. More than 1.000 people took part in the survey for Plough publishers.







# Labour thinks Scots will give them control

By Jason Allardyce, scottish political reportei

LABOUR believes an outright majority in the Scottish parliament is now within its grasp. Ministers were "cock-a-

hoop" yesterday over a series of devastating poll results for the Scottish National Party. whose leader. Alex Salmond, may find his position in doubt. Since Mr Salmond con-

demned the Nato bombings of Kosovo as "unpardonable folly" and pledged to raise income tax to invest in public services, support for the SNP has slumped. Opinion polls in the past few days have seen the SNP trailing Labour by up to 16 points, with Labour set to take up to 62 seats, just three short of a majority in the elections on May 6. The party led mer. One leading SNP figure

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place by the end of the first parliament

claimed: "Winning anything less than 40 seats would be very bad news and Alex would have to carry the can." However, the SNP received

a boost when trade unionists joined its condemnation of Labour's private finance initiatives for schools and hospitals. Unison, the largest public services union in Scotland, wants the new parliament to ditch the initiative and has lodged a motion at the Scottish Trades Union Congress annual meeting next week calling for it to be scrapped. The SNP has pledged to set up public service trusts as an alternative.

Unison will also call for services such as water and sewerage to be taken from quangos and returned to local, democratic control, again in line

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ment, and 20,000 modern apprenticeships as a passport to real

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☐ Start eight hospital developments and launch the Scottish

Di Extend nursery provision so that every three-year-old has a

☐ Introduce radical land reform to secure public access and

☐ Provide a guaranteed after-school place for every child

longer representing mainstream Scotland." Earlier Mr Dewar said that education would be at the heart of Labour's drive to win nower in Scotland's first parliament for nearly 300 years. He pledged that, if elected, his first act as First Minister would be an "education for a

with SNP policy.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish

Secretary, insisted yesterday

that private finance initiatives

were the way forward, argu-

ing that they would help to

build hospitals and fund vital

In a further blow to Labour,

the Kirkcaldy and District Trades Union Council will

lodge a conference motion call-

ing for the parliament to use

its tax-raising powers to fund investment, echoing the SNP

"Penny for Scotland" pledge. Mr Salmond said: "Like the

STUC I condemn the private

finance initiatives. I welcome the clarity of the STUC posi-tion, just as I deplore the fact

that the Labour Party are no

improvements for schools.

This would have five key elements: community schools to help to tackle poverty; state-of-the-art information technology for schools; a guarantee of a nursery place for all three and four-year-olds; restoring teachers to their traditional status by proper rewards for the best: and raising standards.

Michael Gove, page 18



Tony Blair ushers Romano Prodi into a London taxi after their meeting at Downing Street yesterday

# diplomacy on a shoestring

ROMANO PRODI, the incoming President of the European Commission, showed his indifference to the trappings of high office yesterday by arriving at Downing Street in a

It was an appropriate gesture by the man who has been brought in to restore the reputation of the Brussels executive, which was badly damaged last month when the entire Commission resigned amid allegations of

The frugality of Signor Prodi, who had travelled from Rome for talks with the Prime Minister on the future of Europe, was further illustrated by his choice of a £351 one-way business-class British Airways flight from Rome to Gatwick. Most dignitaries would have

overspending and mismanagement.

Mark Inglefield sees the frugal side of the new Brussels chief

pted for London's premier airport. Heathrow. Instead of being whisked into the city in a limousine, the right of even the humblest commissioner. Signor Prodi and his two aides paid £10.20 each to travel to Victoria station

on the Gatwick Express. Once there, the former Italian Prime Minister simply wandered past the ticket barrier, passed Burger King and WH Smith and joined the line at the taxi rank. In the afternoon he flew to Bonn for a meeting with Gerhard

Schröder, the German Chancellor, also

Downing Street denied that Signor Prodi's travel arrangements were a stunt to show the Commission in a good light. "We had no idea he was turning up like this. They did not ask us to meet them," a spokesman said.

Signor Prodi is known for his lack of ostentation and delights in travelling by bicycle when he can. An EU spokesman suggested a further reason for his fiscal prudence: "I don't know who was paying for Signor Prodi. As he is not yet President it would not be us."

The spokesman denied that the former President had been lavish in his expenditure on travel. "Jacques Santer was probably the cheapest. He always drove his car to the airport," he said.

record at heart of campaign

economic 4

BY ROLAND WATSON POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR placed the Gov. ernment's economic record at the heart of Labour's strategy for local, European, Scottish and Welsh elections yesterday. The Prime Minister made

clear that falling interest rates. reduced unemployment and low inflation would form the pargrung in the biggest mid-term popularity test any gov-ernment has faced.
"New Labour is establish-ing itself as the party of en-

start of Labour's campaign for next month's domestic polls and the European elections, which follow in June.

Although all sides concede that campaigning will be overshadowed by the war in the Balkans. Mr Blair insisted that he would concentrate on the Government's domestic successes.

Labour has selected five areas that it will highlight under the slogan "Delivered by Labour, opposed by the Tories". These claims, which will appear on cards similar to those used to advertise the party's five key election pledges, are: an extra £40 billion for education and health; the minimum wage: halving youth unemployment; a record rise in child benefit and bringing in the 10p starting rate for income tax alongside the lowest mortgage rates for 30 years. Mr Blair, in a clear indica-

tion that Labour sees its chief opponents in Scotland and Wales as the SNP and Plaid Cymru, said that such achievements could be put at risk by nationalist victories. "If the nationalists get in.

there will be a heavy price to pay. Divorce is a costly business." he said.

In the local government elections. Labour is defending the high-water mark achieved four years ago, when the 13,000 council seats up for grabs on May 6 were last contested. Then, at the height of Tory unpopularity, the party took 47 per cent of the vote and gained 2,000 seats, four times

# Nationalists will seek a stronger Welsh assembly

By Valerie Elliott

WALES should aim for its own taxraising and law-making powers. Plaid Cymru said yesterday at the launch of its manifesto for the Welsh

Dafydd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru president, said his party was not calling for an independent Wales, but he believed the assembly should be given primary legislative powers for all responsibilities devolved to it

never advocated independence. Our objective has been full self-government for Wales. As we build up our confidence in our country, then I believe people will want to take more powers." he said.

The manifesto outlines a strategy for Welsh MPs at Westminster to use every procedural device, including private Bills, to force through greater powers for the assembly.

should take control of the railways and upgrade the line between North and South Wales, as well as establish a Welsh passenger transport au-

thority.
The 80 policy proposals also include the creation of youth develop-ment forums around Wales to give young people a greater say in their future. The party suggests that young offenders should serve their

their own community rather than than being detained.

Plaid Cymru wants to ensure that Wales becomes a fully bilingual nation and that it also has a greater voice in Europe by creating an as-sembly minister charged with that task. The party calls for higher charges for Welsh water exported to England in order to reduce water bills for Welsh households.

Mr Wigley denounced Tony Blair's "middle-England" policies

for Wales. He is determined to exploit the difficulties over the recent Welsh Labour leadership contest. and claimed that a vote for Alun Michael, Labour's candidate for leadership of the Welsh assembly, would lead to a continued Blairite

agenda for Wales. Mr Wigley said that Labour in office had disappointed the people of Wales. They have in many ways implemented the Conservatives' social

ue to treat Wales as a colony governed by diktat."

Peter Hain, the Welsh Office Minister, hit back by claiming that Plaid Cymru was still following a separatist agenda that would leave Wales £6 billion in the red. The sum, he said, was the difference between what was being spent by the Government in Wales and what Welsh people paid in taxes. The cost of separation from Britain "would be the biggest divorce settlement in history".

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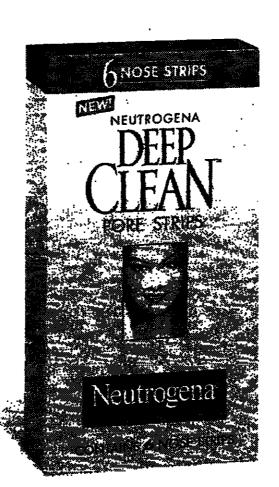
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# Academics split hairs in squabble over origin of specimens



Andaman tribe: row has thwarted study of their origins

THE search for man's origins has been stymied by an academic dispute at Cambridge over the ownership of a few twists of hair.

The hair, taken 90 years ago by a British anthropologist from Andaman tribesmen on islands in the Bay of Bengal, contains evidence that could prove them to be descendants of the first humans to leave man's birthplace in Africa.

DNA from the hair closely matches that from the Khoisan, the Bushmen and Hottentots of South Africa, and is much less closely related to the Asian populations. This strongly supports the "Out of Africa" theory of human origins, which holds that experiments involve destructhe first modern humans left tion of material gathered Africa to colonise the rest of many years ago." the world 100,000 years ago.

Dr Hagelberg, who has But publication of the renow left Cambridge for a job sults has been blocked by in New Zealand, said: "Scienclaims that Erika Hagelberg. tific materials in universities the leader of the research are there to be studied, and team, did not have permission this is what was done." to take the hair from the Duck-The research was carried worth Collection in the Deout by Carlos Lalueza Fox of partment of Biological Anthro-

the University of Barcelona. working in Dr Hagelberg's group at the Department of Biological Anthropology. It involved analysing hair collected from the Andaman islanders in 1907 by Alfred Raddiffe-Brown

Dr Hagelberg had originally sought permission to use



the hair for a project that came to nothing. When, on Dr Fox's arrival, she revived the project she saw no need to renew the permission.

Dr Fox found that the sequence of the DNA extracted from the samples more closely

cans than it did any Asian population. In particular, it showed that the Andamanese do not share a particular mutation of the DNA associated with later migrations, which occurred at about the time that agriculture was discovered 6,000 to 8,000 years ago. The value of using old hair is that it was collected before the Andamanese had much con-

chance to intermarry. The implication of the study is that the Andamanese are the descendants of a much earlier hunter-gatherer group that had no later contact with agricultural peoples. "They are, in effect, the descendants of the earliest migrations of

tact with outsiders and the

Homo sapiens out of Africa," Dr Hagelberg said.

The results are of great interest to anthropologists but if they remain unpublished their value will be lost.

Dr Foley said that rules on use of specimens were essential. "Many cultures are very sensitive about the use of specimens collected, often without their permission, many years ago. We have to be sensitive to that, and it is important to show that we look after the specimens properly.

Dr Hagelberg said: "It's not a question of someone breaking in in the middle of the night and stealing specimens, The work was done while I was still a member of the

# Young go bankrupt to clear rising debt

Easy credit lies behind bills of up to £20,000, report Alexandra Frean and Christine Middap

INCREASING numbers of young people are declaring themselves bankrupt after building up thousands of pounds of debt on credit cards and in student loans.

Citizens Advice Bureau money advisers say they are seeing an alarming rise in the number of teenagers and people in their early twenties burdened with debts of up to £20,000 that they will never be able to repay. They say that financial institutions that virtually "throw money" at young people, and the failure of schools to teach pupils how to handle personal finances, are largely to blame.

Julian Ruck, manager of the money advice unit at the Norwich bureau, said that young people with debts above El0,000 often opted for bankruptcy because they saw it as the only way of freeing themselves from the relentless pursuit of creditors, even though it could stain their reputations for life. "What else are you going to do if a young individual has no hope of ever paying? In some respects it is better to give them a fresh start." Those with debts of up to £5,000 were more likely to have administration orders taken out against them, which require them to

make regular repayments. Mr Ruck added that young women were particularly vulnerable to storecard debt because of the availability of credit from clothing and shoe retailers. "Debt is an enorLINKSnacati/support/welfare\_ benefits\_istml National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux

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get even more plastic." Nigel Barnard, a senior money adviser at the Cam-

easy now to build up debts of

Bankruptcy enables people with debts of at least £750 to make a fresh start. Once declared bankrupt by a court, the Official Receiver will distribute the hankrupt's assets among his creditors. It then becomes a criminal offence to obtain credit of £250 or more, carry on business in a different name or open a new bank or building society ac-count without disclosing bankruptcy. Someone who is bankrupt may not become an MP or a magistrate. It is possible to be discharged from bankruptcy and released from most debts after three years but such a person may not regain control of all their assets for several years. Other options are individual voluntary agreements - a

formal understanding with creditors to repay debts; or an administration order to pay regular amounts to court to repay debts of up to 45,000.

case of a 19-year-old unem-ployed man offered a £9,000 loan by Barclays Bank: he was on jobseeker's allowance of £39 a week. "He received a letter from the bank telling him what a wonderful customer he'd been and would he like a £9,000 loan. Fortunately he didn't take the full £9,000, but he did take a £6,800 loan and we're now trying to negotiate

with the bank because he can't

pology at Cambridge.

Robert Foley, director of the

collection, has refused to

grant permission retrospec-

tively in what he says is a de-

fence of ethical standards.

"With a collection as valuable

as this, one has to have proper

procedures, particularly when

£10,000 or £20,000. The probafford to pay anything." lem is, once they have plastic, In another case, a 16-yearit becomes easier for them to old with a bank account ran up debt when he was given a credit card. Mr Barnard said: "They [the bank] didn't pursue it when we pointed out that he was too young to sign a con-WHEN IT ALL GETS TOO MUCH tract anyway."

A spokesman from the British Bankers' Association denied that banks lent money irresponsibly to young people who could not afford to repay it. "Once a bank has given somebody a credit card and agreed a credit limit with them, it has no control over that person going elsewhere to get another card." A spokesman for the Consum-

Credit Trade Association said that it had noticed an increase in the number of young people with debts since the introduction of student loans.



Beaten by debt: William Roache, right, and Johnny Briggs in Coronation Street. Mr Roache owes about £500,000

# Soap star sunk by legal bills

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

WILLIAM ROACHE, the veteran Coronation Street actor, has petitioned for bankruptcy after accruing debts of about £500,000.

Roache, who earns £165,000 a year for his role as Ken Barlow in the series, ran up huge legal bills from a libel case and decided to declare himself bankrupt before one of his creditors forced him to.

After a meeting with the Official Receiver, a trustee will be appointed to manage his estate, collect his assets and distrib-

ute them among his creditors. The trustee has the power to sell the year-old actor's home and car and take charge of his salary, leaving him a living allowance. But it is thought that the £315.000 cottage in Cheshire that he

shares with his wife, Sara, is safe. Roache's financial problems began belaction in 1992.

when he sued The Sun after the newspaper said that he was boring and hated by his colleagues. He won the case, but was awarded only £50,000 - the sum previously offered to him as an out-of-court settlement. This left him legal costs estimated at £120,000. The costs mounted when he unsuccessfully sued his law firm, Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners, for negligence over its handling of the li-

# - As debts grew, Kath went shopping

She has further debts of £2,000 with

least £3,000 of what she owes is interest. Her husband, a private in the Army,

regular job in catering and thought I could handle money," she said. "But then I moved job and went into sales, and the

That is when it all started to go wrong. Debts just built up because I still had to pay for petrol and my mobile phone out of my own pocket. Because I was so depressed, I used to go out shopping. I once spent £500 in a day." With Citizens Advice Bureau help, Kath has arranged repayments of £1 a month. She now has to decide whether to petition for bankruptcy.

### KATH, 21, from Norwich, has debts of ing about £1,500 debt, and a Sears store £9,500 and nothing to show for them. The card on which she owes about £1,500. At £9,500 and nothing to show for them. The car she bought at the age of 18 with a £3,000 loan from NatWest had to be sold cannot afford to pay the debts. With a to pay for its many repairs. The make-up. clothes and household items have all month to go before the birth of her first child, she is not able to get work. "I had a gone. For the past two years she has been

living rent-free with her parents. NatWest, two Barclaycards, each carry-

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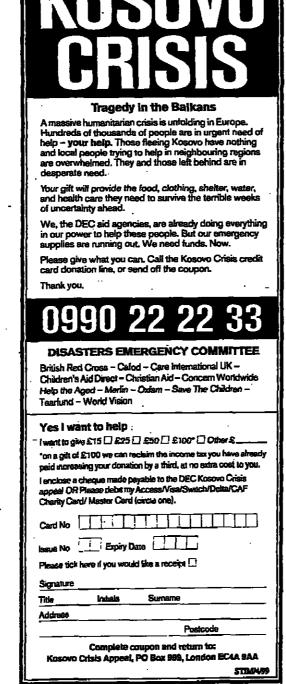
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# Whose side are you on?

# **Against equality**

**Baroness Young** 

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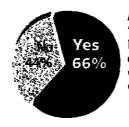
The age of consent for young gay men. Controversial? Not any more.

An equal age of consent at 16 is supported by all the major organisations concerned with the welfare of Britain's young people. By medical opinion. By the House of Commons. And by two thirds of the British public – as now proved in an independent NOP poll\*.

Tonight, the Bill to make equality a reality - and also protect all young people from exploitation by adults in authority - will go before the House of Lords. It is no longer a minority issue. But one minority still stands in the way.

Lady Young and her supporters intend to throw out the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill at Second Reading, a step the Lords have taken only twice since the Second World War. If she succeeds, she will deny all young people the right to equal protection and equal treatment under the law.

Please ask yourself whose side you are on. Ask why Lady Young's supporters are preparing tonight to defy the House of Commons, expert opinion and the majority of the British public. Then write to Stonewall to find out how you can give your support to the continuing fight for equality.



NOP poll question: 'Do you believe that in Britain the age of consent should be equal for everyone



NOP poll question: 'Do you agree with the Government's proposals [in the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill]?'

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# Four die as 'hanging train' crashes

Up to 40 are injured as world's safest train plunges into river, reports Tony Paterson in Berlin

GERMANY'S reputation as a nation of engineering giants in which cars rarely breakdown and trains work like clockwork was seriously damaged yesterday when what was regarded as the world's safest train crashed, killing four people and leaving nearly 40 others badly

Initial investigations into what caused an overhead rail train in the Ruhr city of Wuppertal to drop out of its tracks and plunge 30ft into a river below revealed that a metal clamp had been left in position on the monorail after renovation work.

The clamp should not have been there, although it is unclear whether it played a role in the accident," Hans-Jochen Blette, a spokesman for the Wuppertal city fire brigade, said.

The train was the first to run yesterday morning after the track was closed for the weekend because of the main-

tenance work. Two people died instantly while a third passenger was found dead 500 yards away in the Wupper River. A fourth victim later died in

The number of injured was revised several times during the day but could be higher than 39. There were more than 50 passengers in the sus-

Witnesses said the two-car-riage train, filled with morning commuters, suddenly dropped from its overhead monorail shortly before 6am local time and dropped into the Wupper.

One of the train's blue and orange painted carriages broke in two after hitting a heating pipeline.

None of the passengers was trapped inside rescue officials said, adding that the fall onto the pipeline, part of a long-distance heating network, could have saved some

Fire and ambulance crews dragged crash victims from the river and ferried them to city hospitals. Many victims pulled themselves from the river and relied on residents who provided initial first aid

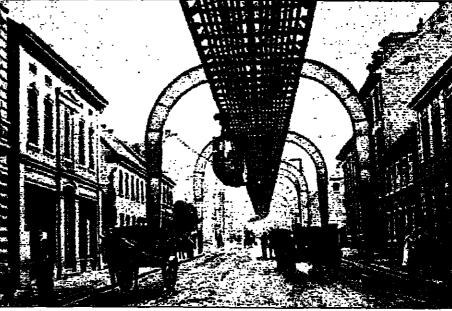
There was a massive bang then nothing," said Alexander Marinus, a resident living near the scene of the

crash. The injured were suffering from severe wounds. Some were badly concussed. We managed to treat some of them in our hallway before the ambulance arrived," he

The Wuppertal transit authority last night said that any possible link between the maintenance works and the accident would be investigated thoroughly.



The wreckage of yesterday's fatal train crash strewn across the Wupper River



The hanging railway circa 1900, when it was regarded as a technological marvel

# Civic pride led to disaster

FROM TONY PATERSON IN BERLIN

WUPPERTAL'S "hanging" overhead railway was considered a technological marvel and a monument to German engineering skill when it was inaugurated by the Kaiser in March 1900.

Until yesterday, the train had carried about 1.49 billion passengers along its eight miles of suburban track without loss of life or serious accident. It was reputed to be one of the

Designed by the Cologne

engineer Eugen Langen, the Schwebebahn or "hanging" railway travels suspended from overhead tracks that wind their way through Wuppertal supported by iron girders about 30st above the River Wupper.

Civic pride seems to have been one of the reasons be-hind the crash. The authorities were giving the railway a DM490 million (£170 million) facelift in time for its hundredth anniversary. The project, which in-

volves rebuilding 16 of the 19 turn-of-the-century stations, has been opposed by envi-

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protest groups which have demanded that the "hanging" train's original character should be preserved.

Although the train's historic significance means that it is subject to a preservation order, the city authorities insisted that a modernisation of the network was necessary to cope with the increasing number of passengers.

At the time of yesterday's derailment, work had started on several of the stations. The entire rail-and-girder support system for the train was also being renewed.

# Suharto's son faces corruption charges

By DAVID WATTS ASIA EDITOR

INDONESIANS intent on bringing former President Suharto to book over corruption got a boost yesterday when his youngest son was formally charged with the offence. Hutomo "Tommy" Manda-

la Putra, 37, once "given" a na-tional car firm by his father, is the first member of the former ruling family to face trial for corruption. The Suharto clan fortune is estimated at \$10-\$18 billion (£6-£11 billion). At the height of the boom the total value of the family fortune was probably more like \$40

Many Indonesians see a settling of those corruption charges as a prerequisite to launching the country on a new. democratic trajectory and and do not want the smaller fry of the family to divert attention from the real target.

Mr Mandala Putra is accused of corruption in a property deal. Since his father was ousted from office last May. his airline. Sempati, has gone bankrupt: he has sold his share of Lamborghini the Italian sports car maker; his national Timor car project has been cancelled and tax benefits it enjoyed have to be paid back while his monopoly on cloves has been cancelled.

### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

# Tokyo mayor seeks return of US base

Tokyo: Shintaro Ishihara, the nationalist elected as Governor of Tokyo, yesterday appealed to the Japanese to reduce their de-pendence on the United States, and called for the return of a vital

US military base (Robert Whymant writes). A day after his election victory, Mr Ishihara, 66, a writer and former Transport Minister, enraged the Foreign Ministry by renewing a controversial campaign pledge to expel American military forces from the the vast Yokota Air Base in Tokyo. Mr Ishihara, who ran as an independent, said the Japanese "have too much faith" in the US and that relations would improve if the base was returned, or at least shared by the two nations.

# Israel fury at Nazi jibe

Jerusalem: On the eve of memorial day for the six million victims of the Holocaust, the Israeli Army filed an official complaint with the World Bank after its representative in the West Bank and Gaza Strip compared Israeli soldiers to the Nazis (Christopher Walker writes). The incident was reported in The Jerusalem Post which disclosed a telephone conversation between the World Bank official, Joseph Saba, and an Israeli soldier.

# **Back from the grave**

New York: Looking fit but slightly wobbly, David Blaine, a magician, climbed out of a coffin — buried oft deep — that had been his home for seven days. Spectators cheered when the 3-tonne tank of water that covered the transparent coffin was lifted, and Mr Blaine sat up and smiled. "I saw something very prophetic... a vision of every race, every religion, every age group banding together, and that made this worthwhile," he said. (AP)

# Kennedy fraud trial

Washington: A former lawyer went on trial charged with forging hundreds of documents that tainted the reputation of President Kennedy and fooled investigative reporters and television networks (Ben Macintyre writes). Lawrence X. Cusack III had de-nied fraud in connection with the so-called "JFK papers", which included documents suggesting that Kennedy had an affair with Marilyn Monroe and then paid hush money to keep her quiet.

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Is companionship with pets therapeutic? Anjana Ahuja reports on the use of pets to help seriously ill children, while Emily Wilcox says a feline friend is helping her recovery

sychologists have spent the past few years proving what known for a lifetime - that looking after a pet can be immensely therapeutic. Playing with and caring for an animal is not only rewarding in its own right, it can also have measurable beneficial effects.

As a group, pet-owners are said to have lower blood pressure and lower cholesterol than those without pets, with one study even showing that people who suffer heart attacks are likely to make a swifter recovery if they have a furry companion. Animal lovers manage stress better, are more sociable and even have happier marriages than their creatureless compatriots. The elderly and the very young appear particularly responsive to pets.

The research has spawned a variety of pet therapy schemes - with names such as Pet-a-Pet and Caring Canines — in children's hospitals and nursing homes in America, and Britain is following suit.

The Children in Hospital and Animal Therapy Association (Chata) was founded six years ago by Sandra Stone, a former children's nurse who came to believe in pet power when she joined an animal welfare charity. "About ten years ago a colleague went

with her two beautiful lurcher dogs to visit a home for the elderly in Cambridgeshire," Mrs Stone recalls. "It was just after tea, the residents were sitting round in a semi-circle touching and cuddling the animals and laughing and talking. It was a great way to get people to communicate.

"At one end, though, was a very quiet chap who, the nurses told us, never spoke to anybody. I asked him if he would like to say hello to the dogs. It was like releasing a valve. He had never spoken before but as soon as he touched the animals, he started pouring out all these emotions. Some of the staff were in tears. It was a very moving moment. That's when I thought that this could work for children."

Mrs Stone, who runs Chata with her husband Ronnie, now works mainly with terminally ill children in London hospitals, including Guy's in South London and Chase Farm in North London. Volunteers must hold either a medical qualification (many are nurses and doctors) or be qualified to work with children (such as

teachers or social workers). Chata worked on a pilot study with doctors at Chase Farm to ascertain whether animal therapy could relieve pain, as some patients have claimed. Sixty children who

AN EXCLUSIVE PRIZE DRAW



Pet theory: infants are thought to gain much from the unconditional love proffered by a pet and some people believe that it helps them to cope better with post-surgery stress

underwent ear and nose surgery had access to animals after surgery: 60 did not. Pain was assessed on three scales how the children felt, how the parents felt their child had coped, and the level of painkill-

ing drugs used.
The results were inconclusive, with a negligible difference between the two groups. But Dr Ian Pollock, the paediatrician at Chase Farm who coordinated the study, believes the approach is valuable nonetheless: "The impression we got was that children who had animal therapy did better but that was not borne out by the figures. I think that was more to do with the design of the pilot study, though. We probably used the wrong patient group because the operations

are not that painful.

The other problem is that patients and parents tend to be satisfied with whatever we do. We may try another study on children who have had more serious operations. Having said that, I do believe the benefits are real, and it clearly helps children with problems such as depression. It distracts them and helps them to come out of themselves."

Mrs Stone says that children in comas have responded to rabbits, guinea-pigs and dogs.

She attributes the success of the scheme to the fact that an animal asks nothing of a child "It's unconditional, non-

judgmental," she says. "If you are a sick child, people always want something from you: the nurse pressing you to take your drugs, a teacher asking for schoolwork. An animal is a visitor that doesn't expect anything. And it gives the child the chance to be a carer. They can feed the dog or guinea-pig. It's a powerful therapy." Her optimism is inevitably

tempered by the sadness that comes with working with ill children. "But we can also be strong," she says, "because we know that we have done our best to raise their self-esteem and improve their quality of life for as long as possible."

in September at Guy's, Chata will start a study similar to that conducted at Chase Farm. Dr Melinda Edwards, a psychologist, will assist.

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Whereas my unhappiness used to be.

give me a love object: a kitten.

centre in a big, white box. My father opened it and inside was a skinny tabby kitten who met my gaze with treacle eyes and started to purr huskily as soon as I



was told that I had chronic fatigue syndrome in 1995 when I was 17. I continued to deteriorate until the summer of 1996, when my symptoms became rapidly severe. My eyes became so sensitive that daylight gave me migraines. and I had to have duvets pinned over the white cotton curtains in my bedroom. The discomfort in my neck, back and legs became real pain and then one day my legs could no longer support me. Although I longed to run away. I could not even walk. I was scared and deeply shocked that my body had

become my enemy.

In October 1996 I was admitted to BUPA Hartwood Hospital in Essex. where Lindsey Barker, an occupational therapist, taught me a management programme to control the illness. Very gently we coerced my body into recovery mode. I sat out of bed 15 minutes a day, had the curtains open for ten minutes at a time and read for one minute by forcing my aching eyes along the print. Since I left hospital in December 1996. I have made slow, stubborn progress at home.

Last September I was well enough to start A-level lessons at the Fine Arts College in Belsize Park. As my mobility is still limited. I use the wheelchair in airports and theatres, while at home I depend on a stairlift to get about the house.

passive, my desire to be well is now so strong that it is difficult for me to live with. Aware of my increasing impatience and frustration, my parents decided to She arrived from the RSPCA rescue

scooped her up. I named her Lola because she's a beautiful but wild little waif. Although I grew up with loveable dogs, I stayed sceptical about domestic animals and I thought pets were a poor



Healthy bond: Emily Wilcox and Lola

substitute for people. Now, to my surprise, my bond with this cat is as close as a human friendship.

According to my Mum, Lola's arrival was destiny because the cat and I understand each other so well. My father is recovering from major heart surgery and I hope that he, too, will benefit from kitten therapy. He is Lola's sugar daddy she gets her way by being cute and affectionate. In contrast, Mum is convinced that the kitten hates her and since Lola's arrival, when she drew blood, remains aloof. Nevertheless. Mum looks on triumphantly as Lola and I grow stronger.

I am a control freak about sticking to my management programme because it my only guarantee of recovery. Only Lola dares to disturb my rest, and she does not care when I am too tired to play or clean out her litter tray. My health is

not the issue: if Lola wants to play. we

So I crawl round the sitting room letting Lola stalk me and pounce like a small cheetah on the Serengeti. Her toys are only interesting if she has to sneak up and steal them from me. I take her exploring around the house, trying to keep up when she sprints ahead, then searching for her when she vanishes. Her movements are deft and lithe when I watch her, it is obvious that a healthy body is a subtle piece of engineering. I am waiting for my own body to heal itself so that I can learn to move as effortlessly as Lola. I am, though, so distracted by looking after her that I bustle around the house as freely as a healthy girl. I forget to measure and limit my walking. Playing with Lola stimulates my dexterity and co-ordination. My friends have also noticed how much I giggle these days.

When I need to nap, Lola clambers over me until she is comfortable, yawns. then purrs noisily. Her contentment is irresistible. Lola's small, soft body is unexpectedly heavy and soothing. I like the feel of her fur on my skin. I still resent having to rest but with her company the time passes more quickly

While I have been ill. I have soaked up love and attention from my family. Now. I have the chance to care for something more fragile than myself. This takes me a step closer to regaining independence.

I know that owning a kitten is not a cure for chronic fatigue syndrome: recovery takes time and effort. However, happiness makes the struggle much easier and, day by day, I can sense the illness receding. If I have stuck to a familiar management programme out of habit and fear of the unknown, Lola has brought spontaneity into my life. By the time she is old enough to prowl alone outside. I hope to be a strong young woman. able to do a bit of prowling myself.

**EMILY WILCOX** 

# Identifying the psychopath

any of the doctors who watched Edward Stourton's account on TV of Sean Sellers's remorseless killing, first of a checkout man in a supermarket, and later his own mother and stepfather, will have little doubt that his behaviour indicated an antisocial personality disorder, a behavioural pattern that used to be termed

psychopathic.
Sellers planned the murders meticulously, he showed no regrets afterwards, and in the six months between the two incidents, partied and enjoyed himself. The grim fact was that Sellers was only 16.

Although psychopathy is not diagnosed until a patient is 18, it is usual for anyone with an antisocial personality disorder to show marked signs of aberrant behaviour before they are 15 and to have usually displayed such troubles as truancy, cruelty to ani-mals, use of weapons in fights. sexual assault and lying and stealing. Such people are emotionally blunted; they defy authority and have a total lack of sensitivity.

Thirteen years after being found guilty of murder, and spending nearly half his life fighting appeals and running a Christian mission from his death cell. Sellers was executed by two injections, after he had been anaesthetised with a shot of sodium thiopental.

Medical and legal interest in the case was heightened by the final appeal of Sellers's lawyers, which was based on new psychiatric evidence purporting to show that he suffered from a Jekyll and Hyde personality, sometimes previously known as "multiple personality disorder", now described as "dissociative identi-

MEDICINE CHEST DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

ty disorder". It is a reasonable assumption that this now tenuous diagnosis is likely to be

heard increasingly in courts. The 1992 16th edition of Merck's Manual, the bestselling American medical textbook. devotes six lines to multiple personality disorders, where-as the 17th edition, launched in London this month, has five columns on the condition.

Dissociative identity disorder is defined as a condition in which two or more identities. or personalities, at different times take over a person's behaviour. To describe Jekyll and Hyde's divergent personality as schizophrenia is a common solecism. Psychiatrists who frequently diagnose dissociative identity disorder say that what is known by one per-

son's personality may not be induce an identity crisis. The known by their other identity. These different personalities may interact in varying ways and the whole mishmash of personality is not only confusing for the patient and their relations, but also to lawyers as they try to sort out which of the accused personalities did

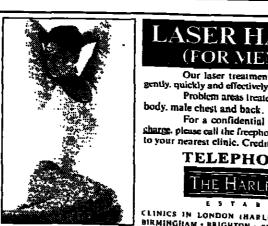
Psychiatrists who are firm believers in the new diagnostic criteria suggest that 3 to 4 per cent of all psychiatric inpatients display symptoms of the disease. The cynics hold that the symptoms professed by the patient are the result of a combination of an overenthusiastic physician treat-ing a suggestible patient. It is interesting that patients al-leged to have the disorder are

known to be easily hypnotised. The protagonists of the diagnosis claim that the maturation process in a child which gives them a sense of identity can be stunted by lack of compassion, abuse and absence of understanding in childhood. In a vulnerable child, they claim, this deprivation may symptoms of associative identity disorder are apparently protean. The condition is said to be associated with a high incidence of self-harm and suicide; it can mimic most of the personality disorders, including antisocial personality disorder; it may be confused with schizophrenia, mania, depression (nearly all the alleged pa-tients are depressed). Patients may hear voices, but whether this is a typical delusion or, as they maintain, their personalities talking to one another, is uncertain. Most also suffer the classic symptoms of amnesia. depersonalisation and dereali-

When he was interviewed. Sellers's behaviour was typical of the psychopath - contrition was not in his vocabulary. He was egocentric, manipulative, plausible, charming, ver-bally skilful and overdid eye contact, like many of the more dangerous criminals I met in my spell as a part-time police surgeon. Little wonder that Stourton found him clever. charismatic and dangerous.



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# A night of food, sex and egos

Once a year Europe's top chefs celebrate their Michelin awards. Grace Bradberry meets the chefs with stars in their eyes

t's 11.30 on Sunday night at the Royal Naval College. Greenwich, and Giorgio Locatelli, the chef of Zafferano, has Raymond Blanc, the proprietor of Le Manoir aux Quar Saisons, caught in a bear-hug. "My glasses! says Blanc, extricating himself.

Behind them a young French chef twirls his wife. clad in spangly disco pants, be-tween the tables. "Don't worry," the wife of one chef had reassured me when I remarked that the early evening atmosphere seemed subdued. "Come midnight, they'll be standing on tables and taking their clothes off." It didn't get quite that far but there was something touchingly gauche about the party spirit when the evening got into its stride. Top chets don't get out much - and you

could tell. The event which sparked the exuberance is the Champagne Mumm Gala des étoiles de Mumm ia gastronomie, the annual dinner in honour of Michelin-star chefs. If Locatelli was ebullient, then no wonder: he had just ac-Michelin star, an award he never expected because he once threw

out the guide's inspectors. "It was four years ago," he recalls, smiling ruefully. "I'd had a Red M — now called a Bib Gourmand — for valuefor-money, but they took it away because I put my £25 menu up to £25.50. I'm in Belgravia. I pay £85,000 a year rent. They should have taken that into account." When two men introduced themselves as Michelin inspectors, Locatelli flipped. "I said, 'your way of judging things is not mine!"

He is not the only English chef to have had doubts about the mysterious ruminations of the Michelin Men. Some (particularly those without stars) claim that the guide is outmoded, with too heavy a bias towards complex French cookof the kind of ethnic and fusion food that dominates the British restaurant scene. Ultimately, however, everyone wants at least one Michelin star, and some won't be happy unless they have three.

This year no British chef joined the three-star elite. Raymond Blanc stayed at two stars, as did Gordon Ramsay:

La Tante Claire lost its third star, while the Waterside Inn at Bray-on-Thames, Chez Nico at Ninety Park Lane, and The Oak Room Marco Pierre White, retained theirs. The only new three-star chef was a Frenchman, Michel Bras,

based in Laguiole.
Cooking for Michelin stars can become an obsession. Inspectors can pay any number of visits, but will often announce themselves only on one occasion in order to inspect the kitchen. Consistent excellence is required and a single "off-night" can cost a star. Though the award is aimed at consumers, the judg-es are in no way ordinary punters. Full-time employees of Michelin, they all have an HND or degree in hotel man-

agement, at least six years' ex-

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perience in the industry, and a strong technical understanding of the craft of cooking.

Locatelli, however, doubts that he would have been recognised a few years back. "I years back. "I didn't do foie gras. I do white truffles when it's the season. We never served canapés. Those used to be the requirements."

Despite Knightsbridge location, Locatelli does not believe in such elitism. "Food is a leveller." he says. "There are three things that everyone must do: food is one, sex is another - if you want to have children - and defecation is the third. Those things make us all the same."

Which brings us to the subject of toilet paper. For some time now disaffected chefs have muttered that Michelin pays too much attention to extraneous details such as tablecloths and the number of loos. "All that stuff about ten-ply toilet roll is crap." Gordon Ramsay assured me last week. "It's all about the food."

Ramsay was the Banquo's Ghost of Sunday night's dinner. Since his riveting performance in a fly-on-the-wall docutain Bligh look a benevolent taskmaster - he has made himself scarce. It's a shame because he would have appreciated the "woodland spirit" stilt-walkers who formed the entertainment. As viewers of the Channel 4 documentary will know, Ramsay blew a gasket when stilt-walkers dressed as insects held up a banquet that



sailles. "We've got to wait for the cockroach!" he blasted. Ramsay makes no secret that he would like a third star "As a footballer I wanted to

play at Wembley Stadium, as a chef I want that third star." But even he points out that cooking for stars is a dangerry every year and after that it's back to brass tacks," he says. Among the 13 chefs collecting their first stars was Paul

Merrett, the head chef at Interhude, on Charlotte Street - until it closed in October. The entire staff was laid off overnight when the owner decided to sell up. A quiet 30-year-old in a loud waistcoat, Merrett, and

his sous-chef Anton Manganaro, are now working towards a new restaurant, Site, near Leicester Square. "We didn't close because we were cooking to Michelin standards," Merrett points out. In fact, he says, they were largely cooking "for our own egos we would send back anything

Germain Schwab, the owner and head chef at Winteringham Fields in North Lincolnshire, said that his second star had already made a difference. "We're more of a destination now," says Schwab. Situated near Scunthorpe, Winteringham Fields depends on people agreeing that the restau-

Robert Clayton, the chef of Bath Priory, a new one-star winner, is from this area him-"People in Cleethorpes [his home town] will buy a BMW but they won't spend money at a restaurant," he says. In general, however, he believes the British attitude towards food and the quality of

"I'm sure we could have as many people up there as the French," he says, gesturing at the stage, where 33 French chefs have just collected their one-star awards, and another nine have gained two stars. By contrast, the British gained 13 one-star awards, and another two chefs were recognised with two stars.

The second two-star winner is Michael Caines, head chef of Gidleigh Park, Chagford. Caines, who grew up in Exeter, and is still only 30. His achievement is more remarkable when you consider that he has a prosthetic right arm after a car accident. Only one of the British winners was a Old Vicarage, near Sheffield, a former housewife who is self-

Also self-taught is Raymond Blanc, of Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons, near Oxford. Despite missing out on a third star, he believes the inspection process is fair -- "I was inspected eight times, and they said six times the food was three star and

twice it wasn't." He has now invested £7 million on restructuring so that the private dining room and the restaurant have separate kitchens. Strictly speaking, the gran-

deur of an establishment doesn't matter to the inspectors. "Michelin says it's all about the food," says Blanc. "I gave me one star when I was 27 and running a tiny little place with a corrugated iron roof over the kitchen." But for three stars he believes something more is required: "Time shouldn't exist."

Nor should bullying. Blanc was, he says, horrified by Ramsay's behaviour in the kitchen. "When you have a creative

power within yourself which you then give to a dish, it's a very painful thing to see one of your staff unintentionally murder that dish. But you have to put your fist in your pocket. I ask to see staff later, so I have time to reflect."

Who knows what the scene was like in the kitchens on Suntard Catering attempted to please Europe's top chefs. "Hmm," said one chef, tasting the herb and sole mousseline that acompanied the red mullet. The flavour is too strong for the fish." Still, Robins could take comfort in one thing - there were no Michelin inspectors present. They

cannot afford to be recognised.







Starring roles: Main picture: Giorgio Locatelli. Ahove: Michael Caines (left) and Germain Schwab, who both have two stars. Left the Michelin award-winners take a bow Below: Raymond Blanc (top centre) pats Giorgio Locatelli on the head. Richard Corrigan on his left. Bottom left to right: Paul Merrett, Tessa Bramley and Max Renzland



# I've seen the future and it works . . . differently

isitors to the Millenni-um Dome will be invited to explore an area that will focus on how our working lives are likely to change. On entering, they will see the depressing speciacle of overcrowded commuter trains and traffic jams, while a huge clock loudly ticks away the working hours. Pink Floyd-style. Next comes an area of transition, in which shreddedpaper orders and clocking in cards will be tipped into giant plastic sacks - symbolically turfing out the old ways. The workers of the future, so it goes, will have greater control over every aspect of their lives.

The Work Zone is sponsored by Manpower, the recruitment company which is seen by some as a template for future working practices. Manpower and others like it will take on the trappings of a permanent employer, providing benefits such as healthcare, pensions and holiday pay for its staff. Its temps will rotate from job to job. but look to Manpower as their permanent home, enjoying the

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Temp agencies look set to become the only permanent employers for many people, says Jon Ashworth

same rights as employees. The "death of the office" has been exaggerated. By now we should all be telecommuting from home, communicating by e-mail. telephone and videophone. Many people do work from home, but the old ways are proving resistant.
Instead, the change is

coming in the way that people are employed. Redundancies have claimed huge swaths of middle managers and backoffice staff, forcing them to adapt to a changing market. Each new advance in technology means fewer jobs. Managers have reinvented themselves as consultants, while secretaries and clerical workers have looked to companies

such as Manpower. Richard Pearson, director of the Institute for Employment Studies, an independent research institute, says: "A lot

of people are choosing not to have a traditional job. They work part-time, weekends and evenings to suit their life-style. If you had read the futu-rology articles of the past decade, we should all now be working from home. But we are not. We need to meet people. There willbe a big core of people working traditionally in 10 to 20 years' time."

Amin Rajan, chief executive of the Centre for Research in Employment and Technology in Europe, an independent "think tank", believes that the office will survive because human beings need social contact. He thinks that banks, accountants and law firms will remain much as they are because they need to be close to clients. Other companies may adopt a "club" approach, in which offices will become staging posts. A manager due in London for a meeting, for instance, would "rent" a desk

for the day. British Airways adopted such a model for its new head office at Waterside near Heathrow. Hot-desking frees up space, while remote working keeps employees in touch via laptop computer and email. Andersen Consulting uses a similar system at its offices in Paris. This is the closest that Professor Rajan thinks we will get to telecommuting, with staff writing up reports at home or while travelling. A further variant

banks and others outsource functions such as cheque-pro-cessing and invoice-issuing, which require large numbers of people. It is far cheaper to locate such operations in rural areas where labour is cheap and office rents are low.

A good example is the tele-phone call centres that have mushroomed in the UK in recent years. Many of them are staffed entirely by contractedin management and employees. Manpower, for one, has about 11.000 people working in UK call centres each day.

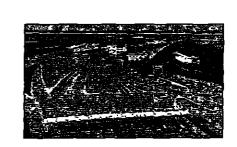
oger Steare, a City recruitment consultant. thinks that the workplace of the future will be characterised by three groups: senior management, a middle tier of freelance consultants or "hired guns", and a pool of staff on short-term contracts handling back-office and secretarial functions.

Steare says: "I don't see that the workplace will necessarily look very different, but it will feel different because people will have more control over their working lives. My feeling is that quality of life will become more important."

That is the impression that awaits visitors to the Dome. Those who run the gauntlet of ticking clocks and shredded paper will find themselves in a room with six huge work tables designed to be "played" by up to 14 people at a time. They can play or watch others and learn about the skills most valued by employers. And if this sounds like some ghastly school lesson, that's because it probably is.







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Labour is singing some very

traditional songs in this election

he nation with the highest rate of heart disease in Europe may not seem the natural home of self-discipline. But Scotland is exhibiting a curious, and mature, restraint at the moment. The Scots seem to want to have their cake, and not eat it. When I was growing up in

Scotland during the Eighties. it seemed as though the entire nation was adolescent. Every problem, from the closure of shipyards to the failures of the national football team, was someone else's fault. Usually Margaret Thatcher's. And just as every adolescent problem could be solved only by getting out from under mum's skirts, so Scotland could be happy only if she had a parliament.

Now, however, that we are to have our own parliament, we seem curiously shy of making the most of it. The parents have left us with the key, our mates are at the door with the six-packs of McEwan's Export. but we're content to sit in our bedroom waiting patiently for the paternal Granada to return. They may have left the Macallan on the sideboard but. thank you very much, 11l stick to the Im Bru.

The campaign for the new Scottish parliament is, formally, a week old. It is the culmination of a struggle which is, like me, a tad over 30 years old. During those 30 years Scotland has, allegedly, grown ever more restless in

the Union. And yet tunes have all been They might have been singing Flower of Scotland in the Stade de France on Saturday but Rule, Britannia has secured the applause on the hustings. A cover version, certainly, with Gordon Brown incorporating the odd riff from

but the old tune is unmistaka-Since the campaign's formal beginning, the case, and the

advocates, for greater autonomy have proved unconvincing, while the party most prominent in the Union's defence has flourished. This election was supposed to be a showcase for the Scottish National Party's independence drive. But the SNP seems to have adopted the same policy as the Ancient Egyptians towards that which it values most - burial. In its list of ten priorities its historic goal of independence came tenth, below abolishing the toll for the Skye Bridge.

Call me romantic, but I don't think George Washington would have got very far if he'd made crossing the Delaware toll-free a higher priority than American independence in his 1776 campaign.

The downgrading of independence reflects a fundamental weakness. The nationalists fear that support for independence is not yet sufficient to propel them into power. And so, in order to broaden their appeal, the SNP has tried to be more socialist than nationalist. Alex Salmond's denunciation of the Nato bombing campaign and advocacy of higher income tax in Scotland is an attempt to accentuate the red in the Lion Rampant.

But the Scots are evidently unimpressed. After the SNP

explained what goodies an extra penny on income tax might bring, the polls showed it trailing well behind low-tax Labour. Not only do Scots not want independence, it appears, they scarcely want their parliament to show any independence. The cake stays pristine, just as Tony baked it.

There is, of course, a constituency for higher public ex-penditure. But it expects West-minster to provide, just as Liverpool and Newcastle do. The Labour Party launched its manifesto for the Scottish parliament yesterday. It was an extravagant declaration of, well, dependence. On the Treasury. There would be four computers for every class-room, eight new hospitals, and an NHS hotline. All paid for by Westminster. And none of it requiring a Scottish parliament to deliver.

Labour's campaign is being driven by two men who are not even standing for the parliament. The strategy is directed by Gordon Brown. and the tactics decided by his protegé, the Westminster MP Douglas Alexander. Mr Alexander entered the Commons in the full knowledge that a Scottish parliament would be along in a tick, but he nevertheless took the high road south. His judgment that Westminster is the parliament Scots really respect is borne out by the popularity of the campaign

he is currently running.

As part of it, Mr Brown will deliver his major ideological speech of the election this Thursday. At the London School of Economics. Its title? New Britain. Having spent his entire adult political career campaigning for a Scottish parliament, he is now, we are informed,

trying "to make Britishness fashionable". Has anyone told Margaret Thatcher? Has anyone told Gerry Adams?

Indeed, has anyone told John Smith's heirs? The late Labour Party leader famously described his failed Devolution Act as "unfinished business". But now that the legislation has been passed, we're back to business as usual. With business in the driving

seat. Last Thursday the La-bour Party was delighted to flourish an advertisement, paid for by industry, which denounced SNP tax plans. The new heroes of the people's party included the chairman of Rangers Football Club, the last institution outside the British Legion where workingclass men gather to sing Land of Hope and Glory, and the entrepreneur Ivor Tiefenbrun. When asked what the Scottish parliament could do to help business, Mr Tiefenbrun once commented, "mass suicide on the first day". It seems as though Mr Tiefenbrun may have got his wish early. The Labour Party appears to have put its Scottish parliamentarians to sleep even before they get to Holyrood. Which leaves this Unionist asking one question. If all, it appears, Scotland ever wanted was to be run by Labour politicians from Westminster, then why did we ever embark on creating a seraglio in Edinburgh for L29 eunuchs?

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# An inspector falls

or too many nights the dog has refrained from barking. This curious incident, as Sherlock would put it, has gone on long enough, and it is time to tell the strange tale of the Chief Inspector of Schools, his ex-wife. and the sixth-former. If the world is not yet prepared, tough. The business has been muted for too long and — with David Blunkett's latest sneer about "vile" allegations, there is getting to be something very dislikeable about it. Haul it out into

the open air, I say. Shake it out, let's have a proper look at it. The matter is, of course, already public; but so faint is the bark of the media dog that you may have missed it. Here, in brief, are the least disputed facts. It begins with a piece of proposed law: a hasty sop to those uneasy about the lowering of the age of homosexual consent. The Government is planning to make imprisonable offences of all sexual affairs between teachers and pupils, even 18-year-olds. Such affairs are already sacking offences in most schools. In the light of this in schools. In the light of this, in January Chief Inspector Chris Woodhead was asked a conference question to which he rashly (but honestly) replied that sometimes such affairs could turn out to be

'educative and experiential". It was one of the rare moments when this standard-bearer of the New Strictness revealed his true colours as a child of '68. Back then, we all sang Bob Dylan songs and believed like mad that your romantic misjudgments were what made you, like, grow. Perhaps, in failing to utter a standard-issue blast of moral indignation, Mr Woodhead was chivalrously trying not to betray the memory of what was, in the end, his long partnership with a former pupil called Amanda Johnston, whom he first met as a sixth-former at Gordano School, near Bristol, in the 1970s (note that neutral word "met" — it is important).

But his words caught his former wife on the raw. In a long article for a Sunday paper, Mrs Cathy Wood-head said that despite his insistence that the affair began years later, it was to her sure knowledge well under way while the girl was in the sixth form and she, the teacher's wife, had a young baby. "While he was away being educative and experiential," observes Cathy Woodhead in that lethally wifely way pioneered by Mrs Margaret Cook, "I was at home with a 15-month-old baby." She further says that he even

It is time for Blunkett to stop sneering

at concerns about Chris Woodhead

suggested that his girlfriend move in with them to help with the baby (look, kids, this was 1975. Believe me, the idea would sound less crazy if you, too, had been young in the age of the flared brocade trouser and sheepskin waistcoat).

Mr Woodhead sticks to his own

story - which he and Miss Johnston have both legally sworn to — that the affair began later. But a group of old colleagues have told various newspapers that Mrs Woodhead's story matches their own recollections.

who is telling the truth? In the weeks since the damning article was published, nothing has happened: nothing official, at least, although the teachers' unions have tried to make a stink and a largely ignored motion was tabled in the Commons.

DfEE is said to be "looking" at documents sent in by Mrs Woodhead, and The Observer reported yesterday that a handwritten note in the divorce papers has her husband admitting adultery with a lady whose name he

would not disclose "for professional reasons". However, the Education Secre-

tary continues to say that the allegations — implicitly including Mrs Woodhead's — are "vile". Mr Blunkett sneers: "This seems to be degenerating into a war of an ex-wife getting revenge. It is getting nastier and nastier and less relevant to anything to do with his employ-ment in government. None of it has proved that he lied and none of it has affected his current job. What happened in the 1970s is his own

Ah, but it isn't, Mr Blunkett. It was his wife's business, too; and while nobody in their senses would ever advise a woman to reclaim her history in public after so long, she was within her rights to do so. And the Government is not within its

rights to dismiss her as a nasty liar. Her motive need not be revenge nor tas I fear some pro-Woodhead spinners are hinting) some pathetic menopausal crisis. It could just as well be a sense of monstrous injustice: of fury at being cavalierly dismissed as a witness to a painful, well-remembered crisis in her own life. She is asking for an investigation: in her place, frankly, I would not stir up trouble this late in the day, but if she wants to then it is her right to do so. Truth is truth. And establishing

> ter to the Chief inspector's profes-sional credibility, es-pecially when sworn statements are being contradicted. Any teacher knows that once the kids start giggling about Sir's private life, respect flies out of the classroom

the truth does mat-

•77 Mr Woodhead may not speak out on morals as a rule (this is part of his defence) but he is a national Sir, a representative of all that is orderly and professional in education. He might easily have regained respect after an

ill-advised ancient affair, but respect gets harder to maintain when he is accused of rewriting history to suit himself, without regard for the other players. I rather hope he is not guilty: I like the man, and he works hard, and if his critics damn him as a new Labour courtier, so what? It appears to be the only way to hold public offices down these days. But now the question has been raised, it must be answered.

Yet the Government is defensive and the media muted. Granted, the allegations came at a time when the press was lying gorged and exhausted after hounding out Geoffrey Robinson, Peter Mandelson and Glenn Hoddle in quick succession. Bloodlust was slaked. But there is something else at work, too: a sense that the Government will stand by Woodhead in the face of any evidence short of mass-murder, and that it is obscurely unsafe for editors and broadcasters to make a

Some, in government and media alike, excuse this by saying we should not encourage bitter and unbalanced vindictiveness. That is not fair to Mrs Woodhead, who is a distinguished mountaineer and not mad at all. Others say that it is part of a conspiracy by teachers to oust Mr Woodhead because he says such unkind things about them and sends in Ofsted teams to upset people. One close Government apologist said firmly to me, when I was marvelling at the lack of fallout after the ex-wife's article and wondering whether to write this: "Look, we can't afford to let something like this bring down Woodhead. He's the only hope for education in this

o I brooded about that for a while, and decided that it was even sicker than the original allegations. One of the marks of a healthy system educational, governmental, administrative - is that nobody is indispensable, even the boss. If we have really got to a situation where nobody speaks for Ofsted except Chris Woodhead, where nobody: views matter but his and nobody but him can improve school standards - why, we are in a bad way, and something really must be done. It is easy enough to see why new

Labour, anxious to reassure us about its commitment to education, decided to keep Chris Woodhead as a talisman of good faith. But that totemic power should be fading. We know that David Blunkett has become as fussy and prescriptive a martinet as any Tory education reformer, and that the flow of literacy-hour packs and guides to chanting times-tables will not cease in the foreseeable future, with or without Chris Woodhead.

So Mr Blunkett should be evenhanded and open, stop flailing his fists in passionate defence of the Chief Inspector, and call in evidence rather than just reluctantly flicking through whatever the irate former wife sends in. He owes it to teachers, parents and children to establish the

After all, whatever it is, he has the power to wipe the slate for Mr Woodhead if he wants to.

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### memoirs. With a little help from Les Scott, the next-door neighbour, the former England international (below) will recall historic moments from his career. such as playing in his first Football League match and being forced to salute Hitler in 1938. Matthews, who once earned E12 a

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SIR JOCELYN STEVENS wants to

dig up Queen Victoria's most cherished garden. The chairman of

English Heritage is about to an-

nounce that he plans to spend £1.5

million uprooting ancient land-

scapes at ten properties run by the

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Osborne House. Victoria's holiday home on the Isle of Wight, is
believed to top the list, which
includes Kent's Bayham Abbey and
Worcester's Witley Court. "Good
heavens." exclaimed Lord St John
of Fensele when Ledled him about

of Fawsley when I called him about the imminent announcement.

"When one has established gardens

of their period, the last thing one should do is dig them up."

But Stephen Bayley, the design guru, thought it an excellent idea:
"It's Sir J's last hurrah before he leaves English Heritage. This should be about preserving the best

of the past without freezing it at some fanciful historical moment."

SIR STANLEY MATTHEWS has

signed a £200,000 deal to write his

week, will also be sharing his thoughts on today's far better remunerated players.



Queen in Scotland. Labour and SNP candidates to the new assembly - republican almost to a man - are investigating how they can drop the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty after the elections.
While anti-monarchists at West-

minster such as Tony Banks have to make do with crossing their fingers behind their back, prospective parliamentarians north of the border hope to circumvent the 1998 Scotland Act, which mandates the oath, by changing the assembly's standing orders.

Andrew Puddephatt, the constitutional reformer, has already offered to devise a new formulation of the affirmation which would exclude pledging fealty to the Queen. If republicans succeed in Scotland, how soon before they demand the same at Westminster?

EVEN in his own backyard, the Tories are deserting William Hague. The council in his Yorkshire constituency yesterday fell to the Liberal Democrats without a single vote cast. Richmond Tories lost power because they were unable to find enough candidates to stand in next month's local elections.

CRICKET OR ATOMICS



FPETER MANDELSON may have left the Government, but his influence lives on. A minister has been taking the advice of Tony Blair's image consultant to its logical conclusion and begun visiting Madonna's plastic surgeon in Wimpole Street for Botox jabs.

Dr Jean-Louis Sebagh, who specialises in injecting the diluted form of botulism toxin into foreheads to defeat wrinkles by freezing facial muscles, declines to break patient confidentiality. Such discretion turns the spotlight on so many ministers. However, one feels John Prescott and George Robertson are well above suspicion.

TODAYS thirtysomethings are so inadequate at relationships that they are signing up for lessons on how to attract a partner. Thirty singletons have enrolled for a course called Flirting for Fun which begins this weekend. "Women can be very worried about giving out the wrong signals," says Joy Penzer, the organiser, "while men have to learn to cope with rejection."

**EDWARD WELSH** 

# 'Life is messier than fiction. We should beware of policy based on good guys beating bigger bad guys in Kosovo and living happily ever after'

ato might not know what to do after Kosovo airstrikes, but Frederick Forsyth has the answer. Instead of ground troops, the author wants the West to "release the dogs of war" and arm the Kosovo Liberation Army. His pleading in weekend papers follows weeks of KLA appeals for Nato weapons. The arrangement would benefit both sides, the argument goes. Nato would boost the KLA by implicitly recognising its inde-pendence claims, while fighters who know the terrain could act as proxy Nato "ground troops".

Given Nato's queasiness a few weeks ago at the possibility of being seen as the KLA's "airforce" - and the fact that a few months ago the West dismissed the KLA as terrorists — this idea has won a surprising amount of attention. Supporters include Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jimmy Carter's one-time National Secu- link its members with organised

rity Adviser. Two US senators have drafted legislation which, if passed, would allow America to spend \$25 million on the rebels. Their sympathy shows how the suffering of Kosovan civilians has coloured the West's percep-tion in recent weeks. It also shows Nato's desperation faced with the inability of Kosovans to protect themselves on the ground and Nato's inability to protect them from the skies. It would appear to hit the Serbs

without risking Nato lives. Forsyth's solution is as wellplotted as a thriller. But life is messier than fiction. We should beware of policy based on good guys beating bigger bad guys and living happily ever after. Arming the KLA on the basis that an enemy's enemy is a friend would be folly. Little is known about the KLA, but much is suspected. International police Vanora Bennett

crime, especially heroin trafficking and gun-running. In 1997, when neighbouring Albania disintegrated, so many guns were stolen from army depots that the black market price dropped to £10 a Kalashnikov. The KLA has been stocking up.
American officials suggest that

the KLA has ties to Islamic groups. If so, arming it might encourage fundamentalists from Iran, Iraq, or Afghanistan to join the fight, possibly radicalising Muslim Albanians. Providing weapons would give Russia, already sympathetic to Belgrade, an excuse to arm the Serbs in Orthodox Christian retaliation.

There are longer-term risks in funding guerrillas, as America's painful memories of Afghanistan prove. The Mujahidin were supported by Washington in the 1980s

to counter the Soviet Army .But later they turned US weapons on each other. Since the sternly Islamic Taleban took over in 1996, Afghanistan has infuriated Washington by sheltering Osama bin Laden, a Saudi businessman alleg-edly behind the bombings of US embassies in Africa last year. America can do without any more proxy conflicts backfiring.

here is every reason to believe that the KLA, if armed by Nato and subsequently successful in battle. would also tear itself apart. It lacks a coherent ideology beyond opposition to Belgrade: it includes Maoists, Muslims and macho guerrillas. Its dramatic appearance last year, in a rebellion later smashed by Serbian forces, has overshadowed Kos-

ovo's non-violent nationalists, whose veteran leader, Ibrahim Rugova, is now mocked by the KLA as a naive Gandhi. KLA bosses would be unlikely to promote Western-style democratic pluralism. The KLA gained some respecta-

bility last month by agreeing to a three-year pause in its fight for independence. The brutal purg-ing which followed has killed that deal, since no one could now expect it to live under Serbian suzerainty. But there has been no talk, yet, of what should be substituted. Since the most the West aimed for when first endorsing airstrikes was to make Kosovo a Nato-run protectorate, any move towards supporting independence, and redrawing frontiers, would need to be publicly discussed first.

The most practical reason not to arm the KLA stems not from what it is, but what it is not — militarily

as Forsyth should bear in mind that the dogs of this war are ill-trained puppies. Although KLA ranks are swelling with desperate Kosovans bent on revenge for the destruction of their lives, the rag-tag army is not big. Before the latest horrors, it numbered only between 6,000 and 10,000 men. Their commitment is undoubted but they are too few, and too

chaotic, to prevail.

effective. Literary romantics such

Since the bombing began, their attempts to defend civilians and hold territory have mostly been defeated by Serbians. Boosting their effectiveness would take months of training. Arming them now is, as one Western military expert puts it, "a proposal that makes us feel good but has absolutely no effect on the situation on the ground". These are dogs best left muzzled.

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# WAR DRUMS ON THE HILL

Congress has begun to confront the need for ground troops

Nato's claims that the air campaign is beginning to bite await their proof. But what may be more significant for the outcome of this war is the impact that Kosovo's agony has had on American voters - and, consequently, on Congress.

Before the Easter recess, Congress had little stomach for this war. The Senate gave only grudging support to Nato airstrikes, which were opposed by 38 out of 55 Republicans. In the House, most Republicans opposed deployment of US troops, even as a small part of the Nato peacekeeping force that would have policed the Rambouillet accord rejected by Slobodan Milosevic. But this week, after town hall meetings which, across the country, have been dominated by Kosovo, Congress has returned in a markedly different mood.

The question on Capitol Hill is no longer whether the US should be involved at all, but whether Nato can prevail in Kosovo with air power alone, as both President Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore - like Tony Blair and Robin Cook — continue to insist; and what to do if it cannot. For an influential bipartisan group of congressmen, the answer is that Mr Clinton should never, for political as well as military reasons, have emboldened Mr Milosevic by ruling out the use of ground forces, and that the President should admit this now, and rapidly start to mobilise Nato troops.

Led by Senator John McCain of Arizona, a Vietnam veteran and leading Republican contender in next year's presidential elections, the group includes heavyweights of both parties, including John W. Warner, the Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, and the prominent Democrat Senators, Joe Biden and Joseph Lieberman. Of the 13 senior congressmen who toured Nato headquarters and European bases last week with William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, 11 returned to Washington calling on Congress to authorise the Administration to take all "necessary action". They argue that now that the US is engaged, it must be seen to be ready to do whatever is needed to win.

There is still ambivalence in Congress, where debate ever since Vietnam has been clouded by concern about "exit strategies": but the more haltingly the air campaign goes, the more ground forces appear the "least bad option". Opinion polls also reflect growing public support for a possible ground war. And all the presidential contenders have woken up, some to their great discomfort, to the fact that they will have to stake out their position on Kosovo, although only Mr Gore and Senator McCain have actually done so.

Caspar Weinberger, Defence Secretary under Ronald Reagan, speaks for much of the foreign policy establishment when he accuses Mr Clinton of "taking us into a war without any apparent intention to win" and without having "defined victory or established any real goals". There are sarcastic questions about why the Pentagon, which is supposed to be able to send the entire 101st Air Assault Division anywhere in the world within a fortnight, should be taking an eternity to deploy 24 Apache assault helicopters from Germany to Albania.

These combined pressures are beginning to tell. This week has seen a shift in Administration rhetoric: while Mr Clinton still ruled out ground troops yesterday, the word is that plans could change "very quickly" if need be. General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who has been privately sceptical about what Washington wags dub the doctrine of. "immaculate coercion", has begun publicly to discuss what a ground war would entail.

The Clinton Administration is having trouble singing in harmony. Madeleine Albright caused consternation at yesterday's Nato foreign ministers' meeting when she hinted that a "realistic and flexible" outcome could be the partition of Kosovo, with Belgrade retaining some troops and special police in the province. She was promptly contradicted by her own State Department. President Clinton needs to add military expertise to his team. Above all, he needs to demonstrate that the only "exit strategy" on his mind is the one that produces a convincing Nato victory. Every Western politician hopes that this will not require ground combat; but none of them can credibly continue to rule that out.

## A WEAKER TOMORROW

The continental way to corporate mergers without tears

From big banks to fashion to telephones, merger mania is marching through Europe. To British and American eyes the marriage plots of Paribas, Société Générale and Banque National de Paris might suggest improved shareholder value and a line of jobless managers to prove that the pain of rationalisation is real. The same effect might be anticipated from the sight of Bernard Arnault's LMVH sending Gucci up the catwalk into the arms of rival mogul François Pinault: or from Olivetti's sneak attack upon Telecom Italia. The £15.3 billion in bank borrowing Olivetti plans to use in its £40.5 billion raid makes this one of the biggest leveraged buyouts ever attempted anywhere. Junk bonds, white knights, poison pills, even the American corporate raiders Kohlberg Kravis Roberts are now on Europe's streets. Has continental business forsaken its protected ways and joined the real world?

In the first quarter of 1999 European mergers, acquisitions, and takeovers totalled £177 billion, more than double the figure for the same period of 1998. Some see this as a sign that the EU's single market is, at last, battering down the walls that its governments use to shelter business. Others point to the euro and its low interest rates as the spur for profit-hungry raids on

inefficient European competitors. But there may be less to this frenzy than meets the eye. The mergers of Banco Santander and Banco Central Hispano in Spain, the marriages in Italian banking, BNP's attempt to fuse Paribas, Société Générale, and itself into the world's biggest bank, herald a shakeout in European banking. But instead of efficiency, these mergers are defensive moves against globalization that are as misbegotten as yesterday's answers to le défi Americain.

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There is a whiff of old Europe here. Under General de Gaulle in the 1960s, and François Mitterrand in the 1980s, the idea was to create giant European companies to match their American and Japanese rivals in scale, efficiency and innovation. That logic animates today's banking mergers. with the added ingredient that bosses are as keen as politicians to create "national" and "EU" champions. This belief is based on three dubious assumptions: that bigger means more competitive; that national solutions are preferable to European solutions, which are in turn preferable to international deals; and that governments are needed as corporate marriage-brokers.

As brokers, European governments bring dowries called regulation and protectionism. In Britain and America, after a takeover, owners can close businesses and sack workers. Europe's labour laws and mighty unions make that hard. Improved efficiency becomes impossible when employers unilaterally disarm. BNP's chairman, Michel Pebereau, promised that, in his takover effort, no worker would be sacked and no branch closed. Similar "no sack, no closure" pledges were made by bosses at UniCredito Italiano and Sanpaolo IMI during the takeovers that transformed the two into Italy's biggest banks.

France, Italy, and Spain sanctioned bank mergers supposedly to make their banks more competitive. Yet each cast votes of no-confidence in its banks by discouraging European competitors from seeking toeholds in their markets. Instead of making Europe's banks more competitive, today's takeovers are locking-in inefficiency. Here is a process that is not only foolhardy but dangerous. Today's mergers may succeed only in weakening Europe's banking system tomorrow.

# **KEEP ON TRUCKING**

Lorry drivers harm their case by jamming Britain's roads

Britain's lorry drivers, protesting about comparatively low labour costs and corpoincreased vehicle excise duty and tax on diesel, brought many cities to a standstill yesterday. Their action, unlike their case, is unjustified. Instead of frustrating motorists, road hauliers should concentrate on persuading the Chancellor to review his damaging plans. Blocking roads is no match for a well-articulated argument.

Higher taxes on road haulage undermine the industry's competitiveness. Filling a 1.000-litre lorry tank will cost £644. compared with £340 in Belgium. Licences for the 38-tonne lorry, used by most fleets, will rise from £3,310 to £5.750 a year, over 55,000 more than a similar licence costs in France. The impact will be felt throughout industry as costs rise.

Blocking Britain's arteries has allowed ministers to marshal public support against the truckers, mouth green slogans and baffle the public with statistics. More must be done, ministers claim, to encourage rail freight. Truckers must pay for polluting the atmosphere and wearing out roads; a 40-tonne lorry does more damage than 10,000 cars. Furthermore, if Britain's ration tax are taken into account, the Government estimates that the industry is one of the most competitive in Europe. Although ministers are right to condemn vesterday's chaos, these are weak ripostes.

Higher costs will not stimulate a dramatic shift of haulage to rail, given the gaps in the railway network. The larger hauliers may register their fleets abroad and fill their tanks before entering Britain. Smaller operators will be undercut by foreign companies, whose lorries have made almost 50 per cent more journeys in this country in the past two years. Foreign. not British, pantechnicons will continue to pollute and wear down the tarmac.

Ministers have admitted that they did not assess the impact of differences in the rate of duty within the European Union before these measures were introduced. They have established a "forum" to discuss the haulage industry's plight. Such a confession and conciliation strengthens the hauliers' argument. Lorry drivers should now pursue their case with vigour, not from their cabs but around the table.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Roles for UN and Nato in Balkans

From Major-General R. S. N. Mans Sir. In your leading article, "The Easter tide" (April 3), you praise the

United Nations Commissioner for Refugees for co-ordinating summits on the plight of the Kosovo refugees. But surely such summits would have been unnecessary if detailed UN plans had been in place to deal with such a crisis.

Few if any lessons have been learnt from past disasters. The slow response to the Kurdish crisis in the aftermath of the Gulf War was one such example of many.

In the military environment plan-ners are occupied continually in preparing plans for a wide range of contingencies, however remote they may seem. In the case of Kosovo this was no surprise event. There were ample warning signs months ago.

If detailed plans for the relief of refugees had been at hand there would have been no need for "emergency summits". Relief could have been implemented with the minimum of delay, using both military aircraft and requisitioned civil assets.

It is ironic that in 1998 we celebrated the success of the Berlin Airlift and yet 50 years on, with the proliferation of larger and faster aircraft, we cannot mount such a swift response for Kosovo.

A lack of detailed and co-ordinated forward planning has always been the Achilles' heel of the UN administration and will continue to be so until more dynamic leadership is forthcoming in this vital area of its activities.

Yours sincerely. ROWLEY MANS. lvy Bank Cottage, Vinegar Hill, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire SO41 0RZ.

From Professor Harry G. Gelber

Sir, However this war in the Balkans, misconceived in origin and bungled so far in execution, finally ends, a few of its longer-term consequences can already be sketched.

The indispensability of American strategic leadership of Europe has been underlined. Nato has changed its role from a defensive alliance to one willing to intervene, in principle anywhere and unconstrained by the United Nations Charter. In the process Germany has not only reasserted its traditional Balkan interests but shown a new willingness to use armed force.
The already precarious stability of

the Balkans has been undermined. If Nato insists on making a desert and calling it peace (letter, April 8), the whole region will be further destabilised and at minimum become a running political, military and economic sore. The Islamic world will not be reassured.

All that coincides with an eastward expansion of this new Nato. Russia has been doubly alienated and its nationalist element greatly strength-ened. Its governments, of whatever colour, will look to its defences, both military and financial, and will seek closer relations with a China which has made it very clear that its political and strategic interests do not coincide with those of the West.

It is the political map of the world, not only of Europe, that is being

Yours sincerely, HARRY GELBER, Centre for International Studies. The London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2A 2AE.

From Dr F. H. Chowdhury

Sir, It is time Europe took charge of its own defence, instead of looking over its shoulder to guess how America will first react every time it faces a

Nato's woefully inadequate response during the Bosnian crisis and the predictable repetition of the same in Kosovo should leave European leaders in no doubt that Europe should be prepared to defend its own position rather than rely on the United States to resolve a European

America's global strategic interest and Europe's stability may not always be identical European security should rest primarily with the European states.

Yours faithfully. F. H. CHOWDHURY, Hillside Farm, Melton Road, Hickling Pastures, Leicestershire LE14 3QG. April 12

From Mr Randhir Singh Bains

Sir, You report (April 10) how the news that Russia may be retargeting its nuclear weapons on Nato countries started a flurry of diplomatic activities. Does it not imply that if Serbia had nuclear weapons Nato leaders. instead of bombing it, would still be working to find a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis?

Nuclear weapons, despite the horror and destruction they unleash. seem to have one positive implication: they allow diplomacy to work to its full potential - witness how the erstwhile Soviet Union and the United States learnt to compromise over the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

Yours faithfully. RANDHIR SINGH BAINS. 34 Shere Road, Gants Hill, Essex IG2 6TG.

# New elements for Lords reform

the most promising ideas could be

implemented in parallel, each provid-

ing an equal proportion of members.

The experiment would close with a

referendum in which the electorate

This approach would allow the

commission to consider some of the

more promising but less-tried ideas.

Having provided a fair trial on the ground, it would also help to deepen

public confidence in the new institu-

tion - something that will be greatly

needed if it is to be able to carry out its

role with as much authority as the old.

From the Director of Common Sense

Sir. Mr William Hutton (letter, April

6) is quite right to inquire about

research into public opinion regard-ing reform of the Lords.

establish this. The first, by MORI in

November, found that by two to one

the general public was against getting

rid of hereditary peers until a full

review had taken place. A second,

larger poll by ICM, also in November,

Since then the Government has

agreed to 92 hereditary peers continu-

ing to attend and vote in the House of

Lords during the transitional phase until full reform takes place (after a

Common Sense for Lords Reform,

16-18 Douglas Street, SWIP 4PB.

From Mr D. J. Hurford-Jones

Sir, Mr Leonard Allen (letter, April 6)

correctly points out that our second

parliamentary chamber has members

coming from a wide variety of the

professions and fields of endeavour,

many of whom have achieved distinc-

tion in their chosen occupation and

some of whom are of international

House of Lords come into none of

these categories, are only there and

entitled to vote on legislation by an

accident of birth, and no matter how

bad they are or become, we, the

people affected by the legislation,

cannot get rid of them.

D. J. HURFORD-JONES,

Burford, Oxford OXI8 4RR.

Yours faithfully.

Island House,

April 6.

However, most members of the

confirmed this view by three to one.

We carried out two major surveys to

could select their preferred method (or

keep the mix).

Yours faithfully,

JAMIE CARNIE,

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for Lords Reform

royal commission).

PETER SANGUINETTI.

1st Floor, Douglas House,

Yours faithfully,

Director.

April 6.

April 7.

Morvern Cottage, Kilchoan, Argyll PH36 4LH.

From Lord Inglewood

Sir. In his response to Andrew Tyrie's view (article, March 26; see also leading article, April I) that "bicameral democracy" is needed to counter the domination of Parliament by the executive. Lord Skidelsky replies (letter, April 6) that our constitution is based on the executive commanding the support of the House of Commons so it can always have its way, and no executive would propose bicameralism of the kind advocated.

Certainly our present one is not. The royal commission which has been set up to point the way has been given terms of reference which stipulate the House of Commons' continuing "preeminence".

Tyrie argues the cause of the democrat wanting the people's elected representatives to reassert their control over the runaway executive via a two-chamber Parliament which is less easy for it to control than either a de facto or de jure unicameral system. Skidelsky makes the constitutionalists' case that any new arrangements must lie within the wider existing constitutional settlement as it has now evolved. Both have worthwhile argu-

The irony behind the debate is that while the Government has been genuinely radical with some of its constitutional changes it is very conservative in its plans for the second chamber. Other than jettisoning hereditary members, no clear rationale for further substantive change emerges from the rhetoric. Indeed, it now appears not to be a matter of reforming the second chamber at all: rather, principally, it seems to be a matter of changing the personnel.

INGLEWOOD. House of Lords. April 8.

From Mr Jamie Carnie

Sir, Ideas about reform of the House of Lords abound. At the "safe" end of the spectrum are proposals to nomi-nate or directly elect members. However, these would destroy any last yestiges of an apolitical chamber by filling it with political cronies or professional politicians. Better, but fundamentally undemocratic, is think-tank Demos's idea of random selection (report and leading article, May 30,

Perhaps most promising of all, but hampered by being untried, is the proposal to elect true "people's peers" democratically by voting on the achievements of individuals who have been nominated at a community level. Faced with this dilemma, Lord

Wakeham's royal commission should consider declaring the next 20 years an experimental period. Up to three of

From Mr Graham Wynne and others

Sir, One of the most welcome

commitments in Labour's general

election manifesto was the promise to

give greater protection to Britain's

Michael Meacher, the Environ-

ment Minister, has done an impres-

sive job of building a wide consensus

around the need for change in the way

we manage our countryside; there is a

seen must not be sustained.

Wildlife protection

tion. The longer Government delays in introducing new wildlife laws the more pollution, ploughing, draining. development and neglect will carry on

destroying Britain's biodiversity. On behalf of our three million members — and the thousands of supporters who have signed the wildlife protection pledges - we are calling upon the Prime Minister to put a comprehensive wildlife Bill in the Government's programme this

broad acceptance on the part of the Yours etc. landowning and farming communi-ties that the kind of damage we have GRAHAM WYNNE, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. On Tuesday, April 13, the Deputy Prime Minister will receive almost a ADRIAN DERBY, quarter of a million pledges from JULIA HAMNER. members and supporters of 22 conser-SIMON LYSTER,

vation and environmental organisa-The Wildlife Trust. tions calling for tougher new legis-ROBERT NAPLER, The public support is clear, and so is the urgency. Each year more than wwf-uk. CHARLES SECRETT. 300 sites of special scientific interest are damaged. Further habitats are Friends of the Earth. Wildlife and Countryside Link. 246 Lavender Hill, SWII ILJ. lost or degraded and vulnerable species are pushed closer to extinc-

### Mobile phones

From Mr Walter Grey

Sir, You report (April 8) that the best way to limit the brain's exposure to the health hazard of mobile phone microwaves, according to the New Scientist, is to use a "hands-free" set which enables the telephone to be worn on a bell.

This is also in line with the advice (not injunction) given to motorists, for different safety reasons, by the Highway Code - that only such sets be used while driving. Recognising the helplessness of the overworked police in this matter, however, science may have to come to the rescue.

Gadgets exist, or are being developed, capable of jamming mobiles being abused in restaurants, concert halls and other public places, or (eg. in an emergency) of pinpointing their location within a few feet from a distance. So why not also a tamperproof gadget that will, say, automatically immobilise handsets recklessly being used by drivers of vehicles in

Yours faithfully WALTER GREY, 12 Arden Road, Finchley, N3 3AN.

From Mr David Allison-Beer Sir. So 4.3 million Britons have acquired the icon of the millennium in the past six months (article, Business, April 7). No doubt, each new owner is informed of the high odds against being able to use it to make or receive

After four years as a mobile owner, I have found the service has deteriorated to a level where I prefer to use a telephone box. These days one rarely has to queue, as everyone is trying to use a mobile, and one may make a call that is not interrupted by extraneous noises or loss of service.

Yours faithfully. DAVID ALLISON-BEER, Carrington Cottage, 29 Bridge Road. Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 2QP.

From Mr Christopher Balkwill Sir, "Mobile phones 'quicken the brain'", headline, April 8).

At last I know how my student son manages to do nothing much but still gets results.

Yours sincerely. CHRISTOPHER BALKWILL. 43 Baker Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OXI4 5LQ. April 8.

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### 'Spiral' addition to the V&A contested

From Sir Ronald Arculus

Sir, The proposed "spiral" addition to the Victoria and Albert Museum designed by Daniel Libeskind will, it has been suggested, do for the V&A what Frank Gehry's Guggenheim museum is at present doing for Bilbao - draw the crowds (article by Simon Jenkins, "Pilgrimage to Bilbao", September 18, 1998).

I have just been to Bilbao to see. Emerging from a grimy industrial past, Bilbao wanted a novelty to attract attention. The Guggenheim is such a spectacle, particularly outside. It is on a huge, clear site by a river. Inside are vast, empry, cathedral-like spaces. Conventional galleries are inserted like white wooden boxes. Enormous pieces of modern sculpture will be constructed to fill the main

hangar-like horizontal space.
The case of the V&A is totally different. It may lack space for modern artefacts, but it is not meant to house large chunks of modern art - that is the role of the new Tate Gallery on Bankside. The V&A is well used and renowned worldwide. It does not need a trendy crowd-puller.

The narrow gap behind the existing screen is not suitable for a revolutionary architectural experiment, with its attendant difficulties of construction, maintenance and repairs, and high cost. The spiral plans would provide only two modest floors for galleries. Its odd angles, ramps, stairways and lifts would waste much of the overall

A better idea? Simply fill the gap with a stylish Post-Modern building, keeping the screen, with many shal-low floors to take offices, records, stores, equipment and services. This would free space in more suitable areas for exhibits, cost far less, be less controversial and more practical. It might not fulfil the dreams of the spiral architect. But Kensington is not

Yours sincerely RONALD ARCULUS, Chairman, Kensington Court Residents Association. 20 Kensington Court Gardens, London W8 5QF.

### Age of consent

From the Archbishop of Westminster Sir, At a time of growing unease both about our society's apparent preoccupation with sex and about the social and health implications of more teenagers having sexual relationships at an ever younger age, is it really wise for Parliament to be legislating to lower the age of consent for homosexual acts to 16 (letters, April 6 and 10)?

We surely need to think very carefully, not only about the need to protect vulnerable young boys and girls from exploitative relationships but also about the wider signals the law should be sending, especially

Yours sincerely, BASIL HUMÉ, Archbishop's House, Westminster, SWIP IQJ. April 12

From the Reverend T. G. Anderson

Sir, We are told (by my area bishop among others) that justice demands the defence of lesbian and gay people's human rights, even if there are some who promote the view that homosexual activity is unethical.

The effect of this is to make justice, in terms of equality, the ultimate criterion in deciding what is right and wrong. Is this really the ethical basis on which our Christian tradition is based? And if so, by whose authority?

Yours faithfully, TIM ANDERSON, The Vicarage. 122 Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton West Midlands WV2 3HU. April 7.

# Young letter writers

From Mrs Janet A. Curmi

Sir, Dr Clive Layton (letter, April 6) questioned why a young letter writer's age was published on this page. Is it not simply about recognising, valuing, supporting and encouraging one another, particularly the young, along life's journey?

I was indeed heartened to read a letter from such a young reader. Surely today's youth voicing their interest and concerns about global issues gives us hope for our tomorrow.

Yours sincerely, JANET A. CURMI (A new grandmother, aged 57). Little Common Cottage. Rayne, Essex CM7 8SU. April 7.

### Devolution licence

From Dr Iain A. McCoubrey

Sir. The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency is clearly preparing for devolution. My recently issued photocard driving licence gives my place of birth as "Untied Kingdom"!

Yours faithfully, IAIN McCOUBREY. 12 Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 9JE. macknife@compuserve.com

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### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 12: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, St George's House, this morning attended a Meeting of the Council followed by Lunch at St George's House, Windsor Castle.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 12: The Princess Royal this morning opened Oxford Interna-tional Biomedical Centre's 5th Oxford Conference on Biomedicine in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America at Westwood House, Hinksey Hill Top, Oxford, and was met on arrival by Her

Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner).
Her Royal Highness, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon opened the new Occupational Therapy Department at The Park Hospital for Children, Old Road, Headington, Oxfordshire.
The Princess Royal, Patron.

Wooden Spoon Society, later opened the new ACE (Aiding Communication in Education) Advisry Trust building at the Nuffield Onhopaedic Centre, Windmill

The Princess Royal, as president. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, attends annual conference of the Association of Inner Wheel

Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland at the Scottish Exhibition and

Conference Centre, Glasgow, at II: as patron, World Cooks' Tour for

Hunger, attends a luncheon at the

Glasgow Hilton at 12.35; as president, The Princess Royal Trust for

Carers, attends the East Ayreshire Carers Centre Information Day at

49. The Foregate, Kilmarnock, at 3; and as president, Save the Chil-

dren Fund, attends a reception to launch corporate fundraising in Scotland at the City Chambers.

George Street, at 5.30. The Duchess of Gloucester opens

the new building at the Downs School (for children with special

needs), Eastbourne, at 2.05; and as

patron, SeeAbility, opens Barclay House (residential housing for

visually impaired young adults), St Peter's Road, Seaford, as part of the bicentenary celebrations of the

Royal School for the Blind, at 3.15.

Princess Alexandra visits Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, at

2.30; and as deputy president of the

British Red Cross Society, visits the

British Red Cross Shop, 129 High

For more details about the Royal Family visit the royal website at:

Street, London SE20, at 3.40.

www.royal.gov.uk

Today's royal

engagements

Road, Headington, Oxfordshire. KENSINGTON PALACE

April 12: The Duke of Gloucester this morning departed from Heathrow Airport, London to carry out engagements in the Republic of Poland and was received in Warsaw by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency Mr John Macgre-

His Royal Highness this afternoon called upon His Excellency Mr Aleksander Kwasniewski (President of the Republic of Poland) at the Presidential Palace, Warsaw. The Duke of Gloucester this evening attended a Dinner given by Her Majesty's Ambassador at

the Residence, Warsaw. Major Nicholas Barne is in ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 12: The Duke of Kent today visited troops of the 7th and 16th Signal Regiments and the ARRC Support Battalion at Rheindahlen Support Battation at Kneindahlen and Krefeld, Germany. His Royal Highness also met families of the personnel involved in the current Nato action.

Birthdays today The Kabaka of Buganda celebrates

The Kabaka of Buganda celebrates his 44th birthday today. Miss Audrey Barker, writer, 81; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 86; Mr Frank Cham-berlain, former chairman, Test and County Cricket Board, 74; the Hon Alan Clark, MP, 71; the Right Rev R.N. Coote, former Bishop of Colchester, 84; Mr Liam Cosgrave, former leader, Fine Gael Party, 79; Mr Peter Davison, actor, 48; Mr Edward Fox, actor, 62; Sir LeRoy Harman, former High Court judge, 69; Mr Peter M. Harris, Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court, 62; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, 64: Mr Seamus Heaney, poet, 60: Sir Peter Heap, former diplomat, 64: Mr Carry Kasparov, chess player, 36; Mr Howard Keel, singer and actor, 80; the Duke of Mariborough, 73; Mr

Jonjo O'Neill, racehorse trainer, 47; Dame Margaret Price, opera singer, 58; Sir Stephen Roberts, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board. 84: Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza, industrialist, 78: Lord Wedderburn of Chariton, QC. FBA, 72: Sir John Weston, diplomat. 61: Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, 78.

Nottinghamshire Lieutenancy Mrs Jennifer Margaret Farr has been appointed Vice-Lord-Lieuten-

ant of Nottinghamshire.

# **Memorial** service

Mr and Mrs Martin Seymour-Smith

A memorial service to celebrate the lives of Mr Martin Seymour-Smith, writer, and Mrs Janet Seymour-Smith, was held on Sunday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Mary Robins officiated. Ms Charlotte Seymour-Smith,

daughter, read from the book of Job, Mr Sean Haldane read Voyage to an Island by Martin Seymour-Smith and Mr Jonathan Barker read Tu Fu Replies to a *Query about Li Po* by Warren Hope, Mr Anthony Curtis read from the works of John Donne and Mr Robert Nye read from the works of Shakespeare. Ms Jenny

Joseph also gave a reading.

Mr Hugh de Giarwille, brother of Janet Seymour-Smith, and Lady Chitty paid tribute to Janet. Mrs Hilary Spurling paid tribute to Martin Seymour-Smith and Mr Simon Jenner read his own poem

dedicated to Martin.
Other members of the family. friends, and former colleagues were among those present.

Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, KCB, CBE, AFC, will be held on Thursday, April 22, at noon at St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2. Those intending to be present are asked to notify the Ministry of Defence, Pld (Ceremonial)(RAF) on 0171 218 2524 or 2628.

**Dinners** 

Mr D.P.G. Butler was a speaker at an Athenaeum talk dinner held last night at the club. Mr Malcolm Bishop presided.

**British American Forces** Dining Club

Vice-Admiral Alan West, Chief of Defence Intelligence, was the principal guest at the 217th dinner of the British American Forces Dining Club held last night at Armoury House. Lieutenant-General Sir Edmund Burton, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Systems) and Captain James F. Mad-er, United States Defence and Naval Attaché, jointly presided. The Stewart Society
— London District

Members of the Stewart Society (London District) attended their annual dinner on April 8 at the Caledonian Club and marked the society's centenary year. Sir Alastair Stewart, Bt, presided and proposed the loyal toast. Mr Alexander Stewart of Ardvorlich (past president), Mrs June Moody-Stuart and Mr Angus Stewart, QC (vice president) who proposed the toast to the society, also spoke. Mrs Angus Stewart cut the centenary cake. Mrs Muriel Walker, Mi Douglas Stuart, Mr Barry Theo-bald-Hicks and many other guests were present.



Kandinsky preview: an early look yesterday at the Kandinsky exhibition which opens at the Royal Academy in London tomorrow and runs to July 14. The first major show in Britain of the orginator of Abstract art will display 125 works on paper

# School news

The Cricket Quarter begins today. Timothy Burke-Murphy remains Head of School and becomes Captain of Cricket. Angeline Ab-bott remains Head Girl. There will be a lunchtime concert by the Chamber Choir at St Martin-inthe Fields on Tuesday, May 4. A memorial service for Mr A.S. Day will be held in Chapel at noon on Saturday, May 8, A Boys' Open Afternoon for entry in 2000 and 2001 will be held on Saturday. June 12, and a Girls' Open Afternoon for entry into the Sixth Form in 2000 will be held on Saturday, June 19 (details from the Admissions Registrar). OC Day will be on Saturday. June 26 (details from the Record-er). The Quarter ends on Saturday,

July 3. Queen Margaret's School, York Summer Term begins on Thursday, April 15, and ends with Speech Day on July 10. The Choral and Orchestral Concert will take place in the College of Ripon and York St John on April 25 and the Junior Concert will be on June 27. Junior Concert will be on June 27.
Queen Margaret's Show and Gymkhana is on July 5 and Sports Day
on July 7. The Art Exhibition will
take place in the new Art, Design
and Technology Centre on Wednesday, July 7. The Guest Speaker on
Speech Day will be Kate Timms,
CB. The Himalayan Expedition
party departs on July 16.
Arnold School, Blackpool
The Summer Term begins today

The Summer Term begins today and ends on July 2. This term's events include: the opening of the Gledhill Drama Studio by Professor Peter Holiand. Director of Shakespeare Institute, on April 16; Oxford & Cambridge Arnoldian Dinner at Selwyn College, Cam-bridge, on May 1: Founder's Day Service with the Rev Dr N. Cranfield, Chaplain, Selwyn College, on May 4: Founder's Day Gala Recital on May 8: Summer Concert on May 12; Upper Sixth Leavers' Service and reception on May 20: Reception for new pupils and their parents on June 14:
House of Commons Dinner on
June 18: School Play The Secret
Garden on June 23-26: Sixth Form Summer Ball on June 25: Parents' & Friends' Family Day at Glenridding Outdoor Pursuits Centre on June 27; Junior School Prize Giving on June 29.

The Summer holiday activities include: the Annual CCF Camp; the Senior Rugby tour to the South of France; the Girls Cricket tour to of Prants; the Chris Craket abor to the South of England; the Summer School and the Design & Technolo-gy workshops for local primary schools.

Arnoldians wishing to attend

the House of Commons Dinner on June 18 should contact the Headmaster at the School. Arnold School, Blackpool, is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Charity

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.K. Barrett

and Miss K.M.G. Evans The engagement is announced between Joe, younger son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Barrett, of Loughrea, Co Galway, and Kate, only daugh-ter of Mr David Evans, of London, and Mrs Elizabeth Evans, of Bray, Co Wicklow.

Mr J.A.L. Berry

and Miss G.A. Charkham The engagement is announced between Jolyon, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Berry, of Beckenharn. Kent, and Gayle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glen Charkham, of Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.J. Facer and Miss N.J. Burrage

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Facer, of Bromley, Kent, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Burrage, of Burwood Park, Surrey. Mr S.A. Pearce Higgins and Miss R. Argus

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs A.T. Pearce Higgins, of Cambridge, and Robyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Argus, of Melbourne, Australia. Mr F.E.C. Macpherson and Miss M. McMaster

The engagement is announced between Francis, son of the late Mr Colin Macpherson and of Mrs Christian Stawt, of Marston Magna, Somerset, and Morag, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter McMaster, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr E.A. Murray and Miss S.C. Hill The engagement is announced between Eoin Angus, only son of the late Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A. Murray, of Killeam, Stirlingshire, and Sophie Cordelia, daughter of Ms V. Norwood and

Mr P.H.A. Stanley and the Hon Mrs C.M. Parr The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Colonel and Mrs F.A. Stanley, and Caroline, daughter of the Right Hon Lord Renton, QC, and the late Lady Renton.

Mr K. Risk, of Brown Beams,

Lower Tysoe, Warwickshire.

Marriage Mr A.T. Heath and Mrs C. Alers-Hankey

The marriage took place on Satur-day, April 10, at Staple Fitzpaine, between Anthony (Henry) Heath and Christine Alers-Hankey. **Anniversaries** 

BIRTHS: Thomas Jefferson, 3rd American President 1809-09, Shad-American President 1809-09, Shad-well, Virginia, 1743; Richard Trevithick, pioneer of railways, Illogan, Cornwall, 1771. The Royal Military Academy was established at Woolwich, 1741. The Catholic Emancipation Act was passed, 1829.

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**BIRTHS** AARDAL - On April 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Kjersti and Ove Andre, a lovely son Marius Andre. 11th, in New York, to Kathy and Arthur, a daughter, Lucy Stella Joy, a beautiful sister for Emlly

BLUMER - On April 6th at BRYAN - On April 1st in

Melbourne, Australia, to Kay (née Robinson) and Rod, a son, Charles BUXTON SMITH - On March

30th at The Portland Hospital, to Jayne Buxton and Patrick Smith, a son, Matthew, a brother for Olivia and Joely. COOK/MENES - On April 11th 1999 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, to Heather and Nell a son, Declan 6lbs 8ozs. a son, Decian with social FRIM - On April 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Greenwood) and Crispin, twin daughters, Clara

Hermione and Martha FIGURE CO. April 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah and Richard, a son, Edward, a brother for Adam and Rebecca. THEIRD - On April 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Lee (née Solomon) and Hilton, a daughter, Hannah Rae. Baruch Hashem.

GREG - On April 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Kilroe) and Jamie, a

GRISEWOOD-STUART - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane Steeley and Sean, a beautiful daughter, Josephine Aries. JOLY de LOTBINIERE - On 7th April, to Onky (née Levett Scrivener), wife of Giles, a daughter, Agatha Rose, a sister for Thomas, Florence and Johnny.

KEEN - On April 7th at The Portland Hospital, to restand hospital, to Isabel (née Niblett) and Matthew, a daughter, Cosima Catherine, a sister for Fraderick and Charles

KHAN - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Jemims and Imran, a son, a brother for Sulaiman.

LAMBERT - On 31st March 1999 to Serena (née Kelley) and Roger, a son, Henry Douglas Uvadale,

MACFARLANE - On April 9th to Penny (née Farrell) and Oliver, a son, Dominic Archie, a little brother for MALINVERNO - On March

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27th at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Beattle), and Psolo, a son, MATHESEN - On March 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and Per, a son, Anton, a brother for Louis

BIRTHS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MORLEY - On 9th April to Alison (née Arbuthnott) and David Morley, a son, Thomas William. Thomas William.
PARSONS - On 9th April
1999, to Katie (née MartinDoyle) and Tom, a son,
Hector George.
PRESSLAND - To Paul and WessiAres - to ratin and Amanda (née Paterson) a son, Edward David, on 8th April 1999 at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, a brother ("Little Teddie") for Annabel.

SETH - On April 5th, to Benedetta and Christopher, a son, Thomas Vladimir. HARPE - On 6th April to Andrea (née Lucas) a Thomas, a daughter, Georgina Constance.

SLAVEN - On 3rd April 1999 in Auch, France, to Dianne (née Lawrie) and David, a beautiful daughter, Chantal Yvette. LOAN - On April 8th at The Portland Hospital to Portland Hospital, to Frances (née Hooper) and Christopher, a son, James

SPITALIER - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Amy-lo and Jean-Marc, a daughter, Adelaide, a sister for Solenne. STACY-MARKS - Mr and Mrs A Stacy-Marks of Folkington Manor, Folkington East Sussex wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Iona, on Saturday 10th April.

STRUMG - On April 7th, to Gillian (née Waddell) and Chris, a son, Lysander Ambrose Nils, a brother for Archie, Sophia and riector.

SWADLING - On March 23rd
at The Portland Hospital,
to Jane and Nigel, a
daughter, Arabelia.

BECK - On Sunday 11th April at Salisbury Hospit to Flona and Zach a son, Jack Rickman Godles. WEEDOM - On 1st April to Jo (née Thomas) and Mike, a lovely daughter, Jasmine Ursuis.

WHITEHEAD - On 9th April 1999 in Manchester, New Hampehire, USA, to Cathy and Richard, a son, Charles Patrick, a brother for Hillary and Timothy.

MARRIAGES

HORTON-CAMPBELL - The marriage took place at The Friends Meeting House, Godalming, Surrey on Saturday April 10th between Dr. Robert Arthur Horton, son of Shirley and Arthur Horton, Bognor Regis, West Sussex and Miss Margaret Jean Janet Campbell, daughter of the late Margaret and Iain Campbell, Ardfern, Argyll

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

OTTER - A Service of
Thanksgiving for the life
of Monica Otter was held
on April 10th at All Saints
Church, Pilton, ar Cundle.
The Lord Lieutenant of
Northamptonshire, Lady
Juliet Townsend and 250
family and friends were
present; 51.400 was present, £1,400 was donated for Cancer BACUP and the Countryside Restoration Trust, The family are most

DEATHS

NGHAM - Annette (née BINGHAM - Annette (née Taylor) pescefully at home on 9th April 1999 aged 56 years. Dearly beloved wife of Michael, mother of Glies and grandmother of Abigail. Funeral Service at Glossop Parish Church of All Saints, Old Glossop, on Fridan 18th April 1909. on Friday 16th April 1999 at 130 pm, followed by cremation at Macclesfield cremation at Macciesfie Crematorium at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Refuges Council, 3 Bondway, London SW8 1SJ.

BISHOP - Sir George Sidney C.B., O.B.E., much loved and loving husband and companion of Una, deer father of Prudance and proud grandfather of Mertin, Philip, Alistair and Rowens, died peacefully on 9th April following a severe stroke. Cremation on 9th April toucowing -severe stroke. Cremation at 3.30 pm on Friday, 16th April at the Chilt

April at the Chilterna Crematorium, Amersham and later, on a date to be announced, a reception in his memory at The Royal Geographical Society. Family flowers only, but a fund in his name to encourage travel and exploration by young people will be established for those wishing to make a donation. An address for contributions will be

BOUCHER - Pamela Montfort, widow of the late Major General Valentine Boucher on Valentine Boucher on Friday April 9th 1999 peacesully at Tenterden Nursing Home, aged 88. Memorial Service at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, Kent at 3pm Friday April 23rd, No flowers at her request.

BRADBURY - The Hon. Paul peacefully on April 9th. Funeral service immedia family only. No flowers. Any donations in his Any donetions in his memory to John Grooms Association for Disabled Association for Descriptor
People c/o Ismes Giles and
Sons Funeral Directors, 2/
Stourbridge Road,
Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire B61 0AE.

BROWN - Brigadier Kenneti Pearce (Peter) late RAMC husband of Frede, on Friday 9th April. Puneral at St Nicholes Church, Corfe, Taunton on Friday 18th April at 2:30 pm. No flowers but donations if wished to Army Benevolent Fund, 41 Queens Gate, London SW SHR. **DEATHS** 

maker, portrait and landscape artist.

pescefully on 10th April 1999 at The Old Rectory 1999 at The Old Rectory
Nursing Home, £ whurst,
Surrey, Beloved mother of
Sally Anne and Nicky,
grandmother of Rebecce,
Holly, Lucy and Timothy.
Will be sadly missed.
Funeral Service at St
Nicolas Church, Cranleigi
on Friday 18th April at
1pm. All enquirles to
Pimms Funeral Services
tel: (01483) 274079.

CAUTLEY-ROBERTS - Anne to be held at Thanet

COLES - Peacefully at home on April 4th aged 84 after a long iliness. Norman Coles CB. Sadiy missed by all his family, Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Banwell, Somerset on Monday Apri 19th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, for St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund may be sent to C.V. Gowe & Son, Funeral Directors.

BROWN - Shella Maria, daughter of the late Douglas and Catherine Brown, sister of Nichola and Christina, Suddenly on 9th April 1999, aged 53.

BRYAN - On April 8th peacefully, John
Myddleton Bryan of
Pontyates, Llanelli,
Former Sales Director of
Frayling Furnishers. Late
of Les Ouches, France. Th
beloved husband of
Pamela, very deer father
of Julia, Rowens and
Julian, Fumeral Friday,
April 16th, Service at
Swansea Crematorium
10th, All Straylijes to 10am. All enquiries to Malcolm J. Silcox and Son tel: 01554 773120. Donations kindly accepte towards "Kosovo Crisis Appeal" c/o National Westminster Bank, 33,

BUCHANAN - David Robert, born 2nd August 1912, died 9th April 1999, Violin

CASSERIEY - Kathleen
Mary. On April 9th
pescafully at Venn House,
aged 102 years. Widow of
Walter. Loving and much
loved mother,
grandmother and greatgrandmother. Requiem
Mars at Our Loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Assumption, Tavistock on Friday April 18th at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers if desired and enquiries to S.J. Backwell, 32A Brook Street, Tavistock, PL19 OHE. Tel: 01822 612034.

CAUTLEY-ROBERTS - Anne Mary. Died peacefully on 5th April 1999, aged 52 after a courageous fight against ill health. She will be greatly missed as a much loved person by her family and friends. A Service of Remembrance to be held at Thurst. 19th April at 4 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Maskell & Uden, Margate 01843-231788.

COLETTA - Cherie Lynn of Wimpole Street. Peacefully in Spain on 8th April after a long Illness, aged 51 years. Much loved daughter of George and Jane (decessed), sister of David, Jane and Jeanifer (decessed); devoted

Langham Piaca.

The Square, Winscombe. Tel: 01934 842945.

(deceased); devoted mother of Camilla and mother-in-law of Guy, adored grandmother of Holly and Cigl. A Memorial Service will be held in Jupe at All Souls,

CRACKNELL - Edwin James died suddenly Sunday 4th April, aged 72 years. Widower of Elizabeth, much loved father of Joanne, Gillian and Alison (deceased) and beloved grandfather. Interment of sches on Wednesday 14th April at St Nicholas Church, Badon at 12.45pm All sensitions to Willer All enquiries to Hillier Funeral Service 01793

DANSELS - Geoffrey of Cheisea Court, born Swansea, 69, on 7th April. Funeral 3 pm Roehampton Crematorium 18th April. Enquiries: 0181 209 0540.

EASTWOOD - Margaret (née Skrine) on 10th April 1999 suddenly during the second course of David's 80th birthday party dinner, which ahe had organised in France, surrounded by her friends, without distress to herself but not to those who loved her. Memorial service in Gastard, Withhire, later.

Gastard, Wiltshire, later.

ENGLANDER - Dr. Devid
Englander, Reader in
History at the Open
University, died at Willen
Hospics on Wednesday
April 7th 1999, much
mourned by his widow,
Rosemary, and three sona.
The funeral will be at The
Open University Church,
Milton Keynes on Friday
16th April 1999 at 2 pm.
David saked for no flowers
but for donations to Willen
Hospice. Any further Hospite. Any further enquiries to: H.W. Mason & Sons, Bridge House, Victoria Road, Blatchley, tel: 01908 642700. GOODSOM - On Thursday April 8th, peacefully in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, Sybi much loved mother of Antony, Suzy, Ann and Sally, Funeral at Aldeburgh Parish Chur

Aldeburgh Parish Church at 245pm Thursday April 15th. Family flowers only

GRAYSON - Margaret Parry (née Jordan), wife of the late Professor Cecil Grayson. Died pescefully at home 7th April 1999. Private funeral REENHALL - Derek Godfrey of Hay Croft, Boughrood, Brecon, Died pescefully on 10th April 1999, aged 86. Beloved husband of Sybil and father of Digby. Barnaby, Charles and Barnaby, Charles and Giles. Funeral Service at St Cynog's Church, Boughrood on Wednesday 14th April 1999 at 2.30pm. Pamily flowers only please. Donations if so desired to The Salvation cestred to The Salvatop Army or The Royal British Legion c/o C C Iames, Funeral Director, Hengardd, Pontithel, Three Cocks, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0SA.

ARHESCH - (nee Ellis).
Peacefully on 7th April
1999 after an accident at
home, Helen Margaret
(Peggy) of Steyning and
formerly of Oxford,
beloved wife of Brian, grammouner. Funeral
service at 12 noon on
Treadey 20th April at St
Andrew's Church,
Steyning to be followed by
cremation. Flowers and
enquiries to Chalcraft
Funeral Directors 1.td

Puneral Directors Ltd, High Street, Steyning, 01903 812656. HARRISON - Dr Thomas Bennett (late Colorel RAMC) died Colorel Benness Coltage Herri Pershore Cottage Hospital on 10th April 1999. Much loved husband of Nicoletta. Private family HAYMAN - Olive of Epson

died on 6th April 1999 after a long and painful lilpess. Cremation at North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden on 15th April at Morden on 15th April et 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Woodland Trust c/o Longhurst Undertakers, 8/10 Pound Lane, Epsom. Requiem Mass to be arranged at a later date. HOPGOOD - Oliver, On April 9th, 1999 aged 90 percefully. Private pescelully. Private funeral. All enquiries to LN. Newman Ltd. 01722

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NGHAM - Madge of
Longfield, Port Soderick,
Isle of Man, died
pescefully with her family
in London on 10th April
1999 agod 87. Dearly loved
mother of Susie and
Linzie, and wonderful,
caring Nanns to Richard,
Sarah, Mark and Charlie.
She isled her last months
of ill health with courage,
good humour and dignity.
She will be greatly missed.
Funeral Service at Santon
Church, Isle of Man on
Friday 16th April at 12
noon. Flowers to be sent to
Faragher Funeral
Directors, 8 Main Road,
Onchan or donations to St
Bridget's Hospice, Isle of
Man.

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JACKSON - Margot (Peggy)
pescefully on April 10th.
Much loved mother and
grandmother. Funeral at
St Mary's Church, Ashwell
at 11 sm on Friday 18th
April. Family flowers only.
Donations if desired to the
Nicol Cross Brown
Luskaemis Trust Fund,
c/o Fords of Oakham, 8
Church Street, Oakham,
Rutland, LE15 6AA. .FSSOP - Major Richard

ESSOP - Major Richard Hodgkinson (Dick) Royal Berkshire Regiment, subsequently LE.M.E., on April 6th at home surrounded by his family, after illness borne with fortitude and good humour. Beloved husband of Sheils and father of Virginia and Katherine. Private family funeral.
Thanksgiving Service at:
Andrew's, Wiveliscombe
at 11.30 am on Saturday, May 8th. Donations if wished to Cancer Resear and Marie Curie Nurses c/o Antony James Funeral Services, 30, Lion D Angers, Wiveliscombe, Taunton, Somerset. LATTER - Dr. Kenneth
Arthur aged \$2 on April
8th in Southwold. Beloved
husband of the late
Priscilla, and dearest
father of Susan, Penny and
Robert, a much loved
grandpa and greatgrandpa and dearly loved
friend of Valerie.
Thanksgiving Service at St
Edmund's Church,
Southwold on Friday
April 16th at 2 pm.

April 16th at 2 pm, followed by a private notiowed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Multiple Sciencesis Society or British Diabetic Association to Fisham Association to Fishers (Southwold) Ltd., IP18

LNRKS - Mary (née Lutyens)
peacefully at home on
April 9th, aged 90. Widow
of Joe and much loved
mother of Amanda and
grandmother of Ama,
Nicole and Adam.
Cremation at Golders
Graen on Thursdes April Green on Thursday April 15th, 11.45am. LOW - On Sunday 11th April

LOW - On Sunday 11th April Andrew Low died peacefully at home surrounded by his devoted friends. He was much loved by all who knew him and will be sadly missed always. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Thursday April 29th at Penshurst Parish Church followed by a private burial at Otterden on Friday. No flowers please. Donations to Penshurst Church Organ Appeal. All enquiries to H.J. Johnston & Son, tak: (01882) 870372.

LUTTERBU, -- William, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Died peacefully 8th April age 90. Funeral Service at grandfather, Died peacefully 8th April aged 90. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Wednesday 14th April at 2.00pm. Flowers to Garners Funeral Service, 0181 549 3329.

LYI.S-BAKER - Audrey. On
Easter Dey, April 4th 1999
suddenly at Netherhayes,
Seaton aged 72 years
young. A sweet and much
loved sister to Kanneth,
Jose, Modesta, Roland,
Stuart, Neville, Trever and
Sylvia. Funeral Service at
the United Reform
Church, Cross Street,
Seaton on Friday April
16th at 10.30am iollowed
by cremation at Exeter.
Donations to The Kosovo
Refugee Fund may be sent
to Le-Roy Funeral Service,
10 Alphington Road, 10 Alphington Road, Exeter EX2 8HH.

MACDONALD - Peacefully at Highview Nursing Home, Inversess on 11th April 1999, Winifred Mary Thompson, beloved wife o the late Dr. Douglas David Macdonald, Klimichael, inverness-shire, Funeral Service on Thursday, 15th April at 2 pm at Klimichael followed by nterment at New Kill Churchyard, All friends respectfully invited.
Flowers and enquiries to
the Funeral Directors; John Fraser & Son, Chapel Street, Inverness, tel:

suddenly in Bath on April 3rd, 1999. Husband of Serah and loving father of Simon, Susanna,
Alexandra, Rupert and
Guy. Family cremation at
Haycombe Crematorium,
Bath, on Tuesday April
20th at 12.30 pm. No
flowers, donations if
wished to Mencap e/o Simon, Susanna Co-op Funeral Service, Pulteney Road, Bath BA2 4HP. Memorial service in

MELARD - Dr Geoffrey
Charles aged 57 died
peacefully after a long
iliness on Friday 9th April
in South Africa. Geoff was
formerly Head of
Department of English
and History at
Portsmouth. He will be
missed by his family and Portsmouth. He will be missed by his family and friends. Donations, if desired for Research to Alzheimere Di-Alzheimers Disesse Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SWIP IPH.

ORCHARD-LISLE - Geoffrey on 10th April 1999
peacefully at home
surrounded by his family.
Loving and dearly loved
husband of Rhons, father
of John and Simon, sadly
missed by Yvonne and
Ginnie and grandsons
Jamie, Matthew, David
and Edwin. Funeral to be
held at St Mary the Virgin,
Westmill, Hertfordshire at
2.45 pm on Thuruday 15th
April, Family flowers only
please. Doustions, if
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Hospice of Macmillan spice or Macmillan neer Relief Fund, bo

c/o Scales F/D, The Old Fire Station, Buntingford

PARKER - Ronald Ernest Alexander. Much loved husband of Eve and beloved father and grandfather, who passed away on 8th April 1998 after much suffering. A service of celebration and thankarvine at 2s thanksgiving at St Thomas Church, Salisbury on Friday, 16th April at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research c/o LN Cancer Research c/o LN. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Sallabury SP1

PUGH - Rozald Fairfax of Miliard-on-Sea, formerly of Southampton. Much loved. Recently cremated. Please no letters.

REES - Peacefully on April 9th Christina Frederica Brigid wife of the late Reverend Lorimer Rees mother of Teress, Elizabeth and Charles, Isobel, Charlotte, Veronica, Camille and James, and great grandmother of Olivia, Annabel, Cameron and Lara, Funeral Service at St Paul's Church Wimbledon Park, Innet Park Road, SW19 on Tuesday April 20th at 11.00sm. Family flowers only please. Denations if desired to the Kosovo Appeal.

Bromley (Mike) on April 7th 1999, beloved 7th 1999, beloved husband of Anne and proud father of Mark and Hannah. Will of Mark and Hannah. Will be greatly missed by many friends. Service at Ameraham Crematorium 1.30 pm Thursday 15th April. Family flowers only. Donations to The British Polio Fellowship c/o Church View, 161 Broad Street, Checham HP5 3EF.

CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR Barton, aged 64, peacef on 8th April at Oxford. Emeritus Fellow, Hertford College, Lecturer In Biochemistry 1965–1996. College, Lecturer in Biochemistry 1965-1996. Much loved by his family. Donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Relief or The Woodland Trust c/o Reeves & Pain Funeral Directors, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE.

TEWART-SMITH - On April 7th 1999, Michael, beloved younger son of the late Geoffrey Stewart-Smith and Betty Milner, step-son of John Milner, devoted brother of John and Rosemary and much los proteer of Joan and Rosemary and much loved uncle and godfather. Funeral private. A celebration of his life will be held in Wells Cathedral on Monday June 7th, his birthday, at 12 noon. By Michael's request no flowers but donations in his memory to Trinity Hospice, c/o R Medhurs Funeral Directors, Vine House, Hartfield, East EX TN7 4AD.

WHELDON - George
Frederick of Chelsfield,
Kent, died suddenly on 8th
April 1999 aged 85, having
enjoyed an active life right
to the end. Sadly missed
by his wife, Kathleen,
descriters langer. Mercanet daughters Janet, Margare and Anne, and eight grandsons. Private cremation followed by memorial service at Orpington Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, at 3.15 pm on Tuesday 20th April. No flowers please. Donations in his memory to Christia. laughters Janet, Margare in his memory to Christi Aid for the Kosovo App may be sent to Francis may be sent to Franci Chappell & Sons, Boundary Pisce, Sevenceks Road, Orpington, BR6 9JW, (01689) 875116.

WillOUGHBY - On April 8th

WELOUGHEY - On April 8th
1999 peacefully at
Budleigh Salterton,
Katheleen (Kit) aged 87.
Wife of the late Surgeon
Captain Hugh Willoughby,
mother of Christopher,
Roger and Priscilla, much
loved grandmother and
great grandmother and
great grandmother.
Funeral at St Peter's
Church, Budleigh
Salterton on Monday April
19th at 2.30pm. Family
flowers only but donations
if desired to The British Red Cross, c/o Palmers Funeral Service, 45 High Street, Budieigh Salterto EX9 6LP.

WINGFIELD - Robin, beloved husband of Anne, father of James and Charles, died on April 5th aged 58. Funeral at Grimston. Leicesterahire on Tuesday imston. esterahire on Tuesday April 20th at 2.30pm,

WHEENGTON - Colonel
Thomas Foley Churchill
(Patrick) Winnington,
M.B.E., formerly
Grenadier Guards, on Grenadler Guards, on Friday 9th April 1999 in his 89th year. Husband of Betty. Father of Anthony, Sarah, Emma and Henry. Sarah, Emma and Henry. Funeral at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Friday 23rd April at 11.30 am followed

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April at 11.30 am follow by private cremation. No memorial service. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to The Guards Chapel, or FUNERAL.

ARRANGEMENTS

LUCAS - The Requiem Mass in celebration of the life of Michael Stewart Lucas will take place at St Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Alma Ros Church, Alma Road,
Windsor on Friday 16th
April at 12 noon.
Everybody welcome to
attend. Please come and
celebrate with us. Flowers
or if preferred donations
for N.S.P.C.C. may be sent
c/o A.B. Walker & Son
Ltd., 36 Eldon Road,
Reading RG1 4DL.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

VANS - Harold Arthu Carlyon. A Service of Thankagiving for the life of Harold Evans will be held at St Swithuns Church, Swanbourne, April 1999 at 2.15 pm.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

WYMAN-SMART - Cynthia Rosalind (née Arnholz). Aunt Cis you were a very special lady. Remembering you today on your birthday. Your loving nephew Ian.

BIRTHDAYS Character Ampela Jame. With love and best wishes on your 21st Birthday. Muss, Ded & Adem EXI

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# MARY LUTYENS

Mary Lutyens, writer, died on April 9 aged 90. She was born on July 31, 1908.

n a creative life which lasted for almost sixty years, Mary Lutyens was variously novelist, serial writer for women's magazines, memoirist, biographer and autobiographer. She began with fiction, opening her account with a collection of short stories entitled Forthcoming Marriages in 1933 and earning herself a steady if unspectacular reputation as a novelist in the years before the Second World War.

"To supplement the inadequate income I was making from the novels I wanted to write," as she later put it, she took to women's magazine fiction towards the end of the 1930s and, while hugely enjoying herself, also learnt much about the storyteller's craft from a genre which cannot allow its readers to nod. After the war she wrote romantic novels under the pseudonym Esther Wyndham.

Yer her books from this period have not really mainmined a readership and perhans the most admired and enduring part of her output is the series of literary and art biographies she produced in the 1960s, after her second marriage, to J. G. Links. Characteristic of these is Effie in Venice (1965), which is really not biographical at all, but simply an edition of the letters that Ruskin's wife Euphemia

wrote during the first four years of their married life. But to this task Mary Lutyens brought both the insight of a highly cultivated mind and the imagination of a novelist. Hence the book is as remarkable for the descriptive and explanatory passages with which she links the letters as it is for the sensitive editing of the letters themselves.

Like Ruskin's, her parents' marriage had suffered from the participants' differing levels of sex drive, and she was able to sympathise with Effie's plight without in any way portraying Ruskin in an unsympathetic light. In the book, Ruskin, though completely unable to satisfy Effie sexually, is affectionately depicted as a man who genuinely wanted to make sure that his young wife

an atmosphere that was both creative and had much of the ambience of the Raj about it. In India her father, the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, was creating the Viceroy's house in New Delhi. Her grandfather on her mother's side was Edward Robert Bulwer Lytton, poet, 1st Earl of Lytton and Viceroy of India, 1876-80. Her sister was to become the

composer Elizabeth Lutyens. While it was in many ways a secure childhood of nannies and nurseries, it had its unorthodox side. Her mother, Lady Emily, developed an obsession with theosophy as personified by its comely pro-

had a good time. Mary Lutyens grew up in

> A long and versatile literary life Mary Lutyens seen at her London home in 1983 ponent Krishnamurti and spent much of her time in the company of globetrotting theosophical aspirants and masters.

As they grew older her children also partook of this company. Mary Lutyens herself took instruction from the Krishna and entered a phase of religious exaltation. She later came to conclude that

this had more to do with emotional than spiritual need, focusing as it did on Krishnamurti's brother Nitya and fading after his premature death from tuberculosis. But theosophy continued to interest her and biographical writings on Krishnamurti occupied the latter years of her life.

She was educated privately

and at Queen's College, Lon-

don. In 1930 she married Anthony Sewell, by whom she had a daughter. The marriage was dissolved in 1945.

She followed her first book with novels at barely more than yearly intervals until after the Second World War. Characteristic of her output during the early period were Perchance to Dream (1935), Spider's Silk (1939) and Family Colouring (1940), which combined her ability to view emotional situations close up with a gift for conveying a strong sense of the sort of society in which she had grown up.

Her fictional talents. particularly the deft touch she had exhibited in Forthcoming Marriages, recommended her in the late 1930s to an editor at

Amalgamated Press, which published the magazines Woman's Weekly and Woman and Home. As Esther Wyndham she was soon writing prolifically for both titles.

As she later recalled, the mores of the day made the sexual propriety of these stories an extremely clearly defined business. On one occasion when she had allowed her heroine, who was on a visit to her hero in Washington, to pass the night in the sitting room of his hotel because there was no other accommodation for her in the city, she received a telegrammed injunction from Amalgamated: Please make another effort to find Elizabeth a room of her own." From the 1940s to the 1960s Esther Wyndham also published a dozen novels, most of them with Mills &

Her output of serious novels continued into the 1970s, but she increasingly branched out into other literary forms. To Be Young: Some Chapters of Autobiography (1959) was an unsentimental but lively account of her childhood and in particular her mother's involvement with theosophy. Millais and the Ruskins (1968) developed the Ruskin story from the position it had reached at the end of Effie in Venice, describing Millais' impact on the Ruskin marriage and its eventual collapse. The Lyttons in India (1979) was an account of her grandfather's viceroyalty, while Edwin Lutvens (1980) was a portrait of her father which sympathetically traced the course of his marriage from the early affection reflected in the love letters he and his wife wrote to each other to his despair as her obsession with Krishnamurti and theosophy deepened.

The Indian theosophist was himself the subject of a number of Mary Lutyens's books, biographical and analytical, and of The Penguin Krishnamurti Reader in two volumes (1970) and 1973). Mary Lutyens's second mar-

riage. in 1945, to the furrier turned Venetian art expert J. G. Uoe) Links, was an exceptionally happy and fulfilling one. His cataloguing of the works of Canaletto occupied the last 25 years of his life and his and Mary's frequent visits to Venice deepened a mutual interest in the Ruskins which had begun when, somewhat curiously perhaps, they had chosen to follow in the honeymooning footsteps of Ruskin and Effie on their own honeymoon. In addition to her works on the Ruskins he published The Ruskins in Normandy as well as a masterly abridgement of The Stones of Venice.

A gentle, delicate and re-fined woman, Mary Lutyens was at the same time possessed of a robust mind and was a spirited talker on a wide range of subjects.

Joe Links died in 1997. She is survived by the daughter of her first marriage.

# PROFESSOR MARGOT JEFFERYS

Professor Margot Jefferys, medical sociologist. died on March 3 aged 82. She was born on November I, 1916.

MARGOT JEFFERYS was a founder of medical sociology in Britain. Her interests as both a researcher and a teacher spanned the social dimensions of health, healthcare organisation, social medicine, social gerontology, social policy, social history and medical education. She influenced a whole generation of medical sociologists, and throughout

her long career was a bridge between the social sciences and medicine (though she could be critical of both). Her work brought her international recognition as one of the most distinguished figures in postwar British sociology.

She was born Margot Davies, in India, where she lived for the first eight years of her life. She then came to England where she went to Berkhamsted School and then the London School of Economics, taking a first in economic history in 1938.

During and immediately

after the war, she continued to pursue her academic and political interests, balancing these with the birth of the two sons of her marriage, in 1941, to James Jefferys.

Her first academic appointment was at Bedford College in 1949, as a research worker on a project dealing with mobility and the labour market, which was to be the subject of her first book. By the early 1950s, however, partly as the result of the influence of Barbara Wootton, her interest in medicine and health was growing. In 1953 John Brotherston, then

Reader in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene, recruited her to undertake the teaching which would broaden the horizons of public health students. There she met another social scientist, Ann Cartwright, with whom she had a close professional and personal relationship for the rest of her life. While at the School she undertook her second major study. An Anatomy of Social

In 1965 she returned to Bedford College, having become frustrated with medical influence over the careers and

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research of social scientists. A tour of America showed how much more independent they could be. She became the Director of the Social Research Unit, funded by the Department of Health, and in 1968 she was given a personal chair in medical sociology.

In that year the Todd report on medical education recommended an enhanced role for medical sociology, which Jefferys helped to establish first in London medical schools and then throughout Britain. This was one of the first attempts to prepare doctors for

wider responsibilities for their patients and within the institutions where they work.

Jefferys also helped to set up an intercalated degree in medical sociology in London, enabling students to obtain an honours degree alongside their medical qualification. In 1969 she launched, with George Brown, the Master of Science degree in medical sociology at Bedford College. Many of those who took the course have since gone on to leading academic and research positions throughout Britain and abroad.

ests were wide and various. She collaborated, for instance, with the famous rehabilitation specialist Michael Warren on disability assessment; and she took part in a study of general practice and the development of multidisciplinary teams

Jefferys's own research inter-

within health centres. She retired from Bedford College in 1982, but continued to lead a research initiative on ageing for the then Social Science Research Council, which allowed her to pursue her longstanding interest in the health and care of the elderly. In 1989 she edited Growing Old in the Twentieth Century. She was the recipient of

many awards and honours, and from 1992 to 1997 she was a visiting professor at the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics at King's College London, where she worked on health ethics. Her support for colleagues was exceptional, combining scholarship with great personal warmth.

Margot Jefferys is survived by her two sons; her marriage to James Jefferys was dissolved in 1959.

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Olive Shapley broadcaster, died on March 14 aged 88. She was

born on April 10, 1910. AS A pioneer of radio features before the war. Olive Shapley was one of the first broadcasters to allow ordinary people to talk on the radio. Later, as a presenter of documentaries and of Woman's Hour during the 1950s and 1960s, she was ahead of her time in airing social issues which were once unmentionable and are now unavoidable.

Her early years were greatly influenced by Dame Dorothy Brook, head of Mary Datchelor Girls School in South London, and then by her time up at Oxford, where she went in 1929 to read modern history. On her very first night at St Hugh's a sturdy girl with red hair and a brown velvet dress introduced herself to Olive and proceeded to sing the praises of the North of England. They became close friends, especially when Barbara Castle invited her to stay

with her family.

One result of another Oxford friendship, with Freda Houlston, who became a Buddhist nun, was that Shapley was able to interview the Dalai Lama during her extensive travels.

Her BBC career began in 1934 on Children's Hour in Manchester, where her first impressions were of cobbled streets, endless mill chimneys and "magnificent chemical sunsets". Children's Hour was then in transition from being "something for the kiddy-

winks" to a balanced service for the young. The jolly days of Aunts and Uncles were numbered. Shapley - known at the microphone as "Anna" started a series of "Your Own Ideas", which encouraged children to send in poems, stories and plays to be read and

**OLIVE SHAPLEY** 

performed by professionals. After three years of bringing Children's Hour into the real world, Shapley joined the adult features and drama department. She vividly remembered a broadcast in which a party of Durham miners were invited to talk live and unscripted. Shortly after the transmission began she had to take a hastily chalked notice into the studio, reading "Don't say bloody or bugger

The BBC's North Region was then headed by the Marxist Archie Harding, whose first words to her were "Welcome, Comrade" and who encouraged his team to break away from the plummy conservatism of Broadcasting House. A prime example of how Shapley rose to the challenge was The Classic Soil, with a remarkably radical script by her friend and fellow leftwinger Joan Little-

wood. Shapley's highly individual radio features were greatly assisted by the introduction of the mobile disc recording van, with cables long enough to be taken into the homes of the kind of people who had never been allowed to broadcast before. "By the outbreak of war," as she later said, "the battle for the radio feature had



been won. Broadcasting did now consist of more than the voices of the great and the good."

In 1939 she married John Salt, the leader of the BBC's creative radio talent in Manchester. This meant leaving the BBC under the rules regarding staff marriages, but she continued to work on contract, making documentaries about how people coped with the privations of war.

When Salt moved for the

BBC to New York after the attack on Pearl Harbor, she went too and worked as a documentary and talks producer. She also broadcast her own series of formightly Letters from North America for children between 1942 and 1945. On one occasion she was haffled when a man she had just interviewed declined her invitation to dinner. "You and I, a coloured man, could not be seen in the same restaurant together," Paul Robeson

Before the death of her husband in 1947, she had three children - who were to become very well-informed on a range of subjects, because all of her scripts were taken home and used for scribbling pads.

By 1949 she was back in London presenting Woman's Hour and tackling forbidden subjects such as single mothers and "the change of life". She also presented the television series Women of Today, and had a storytelling slot for young children.

In 1952 she married a businessman, Christopher Gorton, but he died in 1959. She went on to present three series of The Shapley File, which took a personal look at social issues such as homelessness. She also worked as a freelance for BBC Children's Television, where she launched Brian Redhead as presenter.

After Gorton's death, she turned their large house in Didsbury into a home for unmarried mothers, who at that time were expected either to abandon any hopes of worthwhile jobs or higher education, or else give their babies up for adoption. With help from Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, she established the Rose Hill Trust to help to change this.

Later, she sheltered 25 Vietnamese refugees for two years, and tried to organise communal living for old people. She published her autobiography. Broadcasting a Life, in 1996. She is survived by her

daughter and two sons.

THE MINISTERIAL **CHANGES** 

The principles which have guided the new Prime Minister in his task are easily deducible from the changes and appointments made. He has wished to preserve the balance of opinion in the Cabinet, and therefore, as he is a Liberal Imperialist succeeding a Radical in the Premiership, he has appointed a Radical in the person of Mr Lloyd-George to the Chancellorship of the Exchequer.

He has been anxious, at a time when public opinion has been running strongly against the Liberals, to introduce new blood, and especially to promote younger men of promise in his party, such and Mr Lloyd-George, Lord Crewe, Mr Churchill, Mr McKenna, Mr Runciman, Colonel Seely, and Mr F. Acland.

He has obviously been impressed by the weakness which the representatives of the Admiralty have shown in the House of Commons and has determined to have the heads of both the great spending departments in the been painfully conscious of the weak- orthodox Cobdenism . . .

# ON THIS DAY

**April 13, 1908** \*\*\*\*\*\*

When Henry Campbell-Bannerman resigned because of ill-health. Herbert Asquith succeeded him. The new Cabinet was noted for the promotion of Lloyd George and Winston Churchill.

House that controls expenditure. He has

resolved to bring about a compromise on the education question, and it is clear that the first step towards compromise is to move an Education Minister whose fortunes are bound up with a Bill which will have to be either abandoned or tansformed, and who has, moreover, so administered his office as to provoke the strong hostility of Churchmen and Roman Catholics. Finally, he must have

ness of the Government bench in the House of Lords, and has done his best to strengthen it by the appointments of Lord Crewe, in the place of the veteran Lord Ripon, and by calling up Mr Morley, one of the principal ornaments of the Ministry ...
The election of Mr Lloyd-George for

the Chancellorship of the Exchequer is universally approved. His administration of the Board of Trade has been thoroughly satisfactory to men of business, who found him quick to seize their points, and anxious, without any excessive reverence for orthodox trade doctrine, to help them if he could, either by legislation or administratively. He has also shown remarkable capacity for bringing disputants into agreement ...

Much public interest will centre round Mr Churchill's appointment to the Board of Trade, especially as he is to be opposed for re-election in Manchester and will have to face a keen fight. After the Prime Minister himself, he is, perhaps, more associated than any other Minister with the defence of

Outsourcing is old hat; businesses are revising the role of their office support services. Rodney Hobson reports

# In-house is in vogue again

companies should outsource all their support operations or handle everything in-house was all the rage only 12 months ago, but suddenly it seems to be old hat. Now the buzzwords are right sourcing and hybrid sourcing.
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director of the facilities management (FM) research centre at Sheffield Hallam Universi-

ty. explains: "The change in government policy since Some 1997 has in some ways put a dampeninternal er on the seemingly interminable growth of FM outmanagers sourcing because it put 'best value' on deliver the agenda. Managerial practice was better forced into a more concentrated search for value value ? and not just automatically deciding that things would

be done in house or out. There is much more of a genuine desire for service companies in FM to have to show that they are providing added value for example through better development of people or by linking FM to the management of assets or information.

Companies are looking to manage their facilities in partnership with FM providers. setting up hybrid operations that involve some degree of outsourcing but effectively operate in-house.

Whereas the first phase of the development of the industry from the early Nineties onwards was perhaps driven by opportunities to chase lowlying fruits - FM providers were plucking the easy bits what is happening now is that some FM companies out there are developing innovative market techniques and are doing

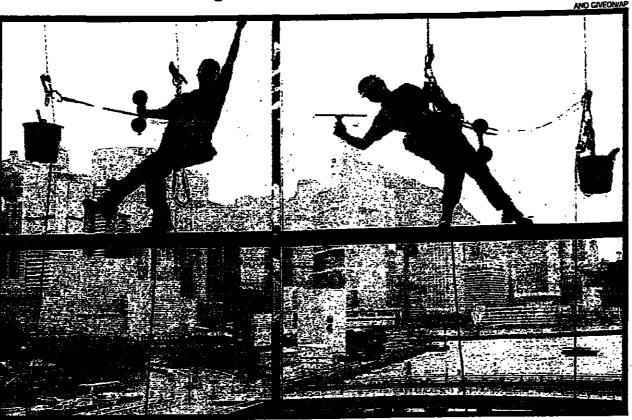
"On the other hand, some internal managers are delivering better value than average. A more mature industry is developing and I think more and organisamore tions, especially in the complex public sector areas such as hospitals, are appreciating that value for money

demands alterna-

tives to meet differ-

ent strategies.' In the rush to outsource, the terms "outsourcing" and "facilities management" started to become synonymous in the public eye. Yet the greater proportion of facilities managers are still employed in-house and the

balance will stay that way.
It is against this background that the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) is seeking not only to raise standards but to set a benchmark - a widely recognised accreditation — against which providers can be



Window cleaning, performed by two workers, above, and below by a machine, is a typical responsibility of the facilities manager

Sir Antony Walker, the new director-general of the BIFM, is particularly keen to raise standards and develop training programmes, seeing this as a way not only for members to win more business but also as a way to strengthen the institute's lobbying power and ex-tend its influence into Europe. Training and qualifications are available for the institute's 5,500 individual members but there is no piece of paper that companies can wave to attest to their competence. At the end of last year Sir Antony approached the FM consultancy Aimita to devise an accreditation programme for its 200 corporate members.

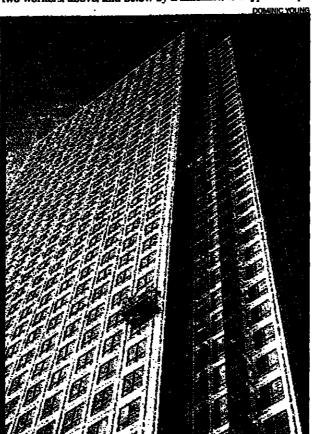
industry standards that everyone can recognise. Aimita is adapting the Business Excellence Model devised by the European Foundation for Quality Management, a European Union organisa-

In doing so he caught the mood of many of them who

have increasingly felt that the

institute should do more to set

Aimita has also enlisted the help of Southampton Institution, which has run accreditation programmes in other areas of business and which was keen to get involved. As a first step, large organi-



sations such as Rolls-Royce, IBM, Xerox and government bodies have been approached and it is hoped that at least 25. and possibly as many as 50. major companies will get

Although the agreement between the BIFM and Aimita is for three years. Aimita aims to roll out a proposed model for the FM industry at the BIFM annual conference in September.

Lionel Prodgers, BIFM chairman, says: "It is the noncore activities that require the efficient management, co-ordination and administration that best practice in FM brings, very often in complex environments or tough com-mercial conditions.

The more complex aspects of FM now include the complete management of the work-space, including best utilisa-tion of built and physical assets, information management, communications and

information technology.
"It is these higher level business challenges that require everyone in the maturing FM market to consider the need for greater education in the field, quality research and an understanding of the European and international dimensions of the whole industry."

# Office costs fall short of flation ref inflation rate

amtenance and gas are the two fastestrising costs for offices, while reprographics and catering are getting cheaper. The latest survey by Johnson Controls, an international facilities and property management company, shows that the overall costs involved in running an office rose at less than the rate of inflation (2.5 to 3 per cent) in the last six months of 1998; this trend is likely to continue until

According to Johnson's UK office costs index, the cost of providing property operations and office services rose by £19 per full-time occupant in the second half of last year, an increase of 1 per cent (to £2,410) compared with the first half of 1988. This means that an average facility supporting 500 people ran up total bills of just

over £1.2 million last year for building maintenance, cleaning, security, utilities, communications. reprographics, postroom services, reception facilities, in-

ternal moves, catering and stationery. The index does not include rents and rates, insurance, service charges, depreciation and capital investments (including

information technology). Published every half-year, it is intended as a management tool based on a model of a medium-grade office building with 500 full-time occupants. Maintenance costs rose by 3

per cent during the second six months of 1998. The most significant rise was in labour costs, which increased by nearly 5 per cent. The price of maintenance materials rose by just 1 per cent, continuing the trend of the previous halfyear. Johnson believes the index for both halves of 1999

will show steadier cost increases as wages level out.

Labour costs for cleaning and security have also abated with the prospect of a static year in 1999 if the economic downturn continues. In these service areas, costs have risen in line with inflation.

Management costs rose by 2 per cent in the second half of last year. Among the utilities, gas prices rose by 3 per cent compared with the previous six-month period. Johnson expects prices to hold steady during the current half-year Water costs rose in line with

inflation. Johnson expects an easier year in 1999. It points out that the water regulator (Oftwat) is pushing for rate cuts, which should at least head off further price rises in the next few months.

Electricity prices rose by I per cent during the latest review period. John-

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son predicts an increase of about 2 A new tax per cent in the current survey period. The imponderable for future price trends in gas and electricity is whether the Chancellor electricity wili impose a new energy tax, pushing up electricity prices by a further 10 per cent.

10 per cent costs static, mailroom costs rose by 0.5 per cent because of higher labour costs. Three areas of of-

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fice costs experienced a fall during the six months to December. Catering costs fell by I per cent thanks to reductions in food prices. Communications costs were down by about 1 per cent. The big gain, though, was

in reprographics, where a continued downward trend in the price of equipment slashed total costs by 3 per cent over the six-month period.

RODNEY HOBSON

# Managing workplace change COMPANIES which provide conference running alongside tems, will exhibit alongside

ing, cleaning and security for other businesses are playing an increasingly important part in the FM industry, writes Tony Dawe.

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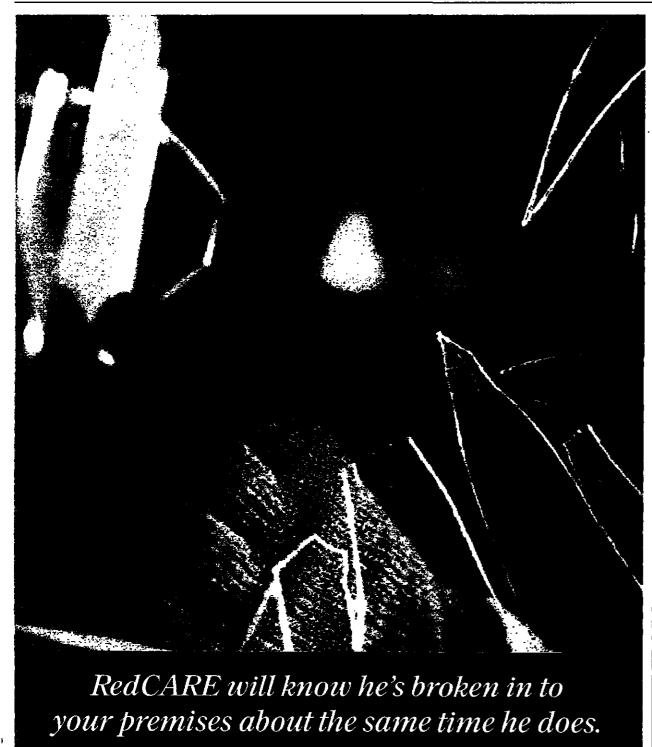
Facilities and OCS. Among new features at this

year's show is an expanded alternative office conference. which will focus on new technologies as well as the cultural and social issues connected

with nomadic working. The changing shape of the workplace impacts on everyone and FM Expo will allow managers a unique insight into how the workplace is changing and how to make the

most of it." says Simon Parker. event manager for Miller Freeman, the show organiser. A separate exhibition at

Olympia this week, Construct IT, will provide an opportunity to view computer programs designed to help to manage building projects. "This will help to achieve our aim of organising features relevant not only to facilities managers but also to building designers and those responsible for running buildings when they are completed," Mr Parker adds.



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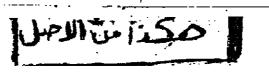
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# THE TIMES TUESDAY APRIL 13 1999 A bug that need not be

# bigger than you are Rodney Hobson on a scheme

that helps small firms beat the millennium computer bug

nies have the resources tackle the millennium computer bug to ensure that their systems do not crash when the year ticks over to the dreaded double digit. Or they should have by now.

Small companies, however, are still finding it hard to come to terms with the potential disaster and even harder to find someone to help.

John Howell, chief executive of South London Training and Enterprise Council (Solotec). which has run highly successful workshops for small and medium businesses, thinks he knows why.

He says: "Where people who want to help small businesses make a mistake is that they start talking technology. We do not talk about computers, we talk about fundamental business issues. We put a building falling down on the front of our leaflets and asked, 'Do you want your business to fall down?"

Training and enterprise councils were asked last July to target small busi-

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nesses that were facing computer problems. Howell says: "It came as a bolt from the blue. We had already started the financial year. But we had got the right people on board and we dedicated resources from day one."

Solotec found that the companies with greatest difficulties tended to be those with between 20 and 25

employees, big enough to have moved into computers comparatively early, when dates were stored as double digits, and big enough to have set up networks linking staff, suppliers. and customers, but not big enough to have in-house expertise to tackle the millennium

Solotec had already trained 136 small firms in South London by the end of January. A further 200 are now in train ing and 780 more have signed up for the workshops. Brian Harrison. Solotec's information technology and business manager, says that interest is

Solotec carefully targeted small to medium-size businesses in an intensive campaign. These firms constitute more than 90 per cent of the business stock of the country and nearly half of Britain's gross

domestic product. Among those in the first batch for training was Geoffrev Gee, a one-man consultancy. He approached Solotec because he was anxious on two grounds: like others, he wanted to know whether his computers were 2000-compliant, and he was worried that he would lose contracts if he could not demonstrate that his computers would not crash or lose vital information in the new year.

Operating from an office at home in Bromley, South London, he specialises in education, accountancy and finance, as well as computing, and has clients ranging from the Cambridge Examination Board to local small businesse

By the end of a three-day "assess and manage" course run by the Centre for Professional Development, he had tested his computers for 2000-compliance and leapyear compliance as well. The extra day next year, combined with the switch to 2000, is a potential extra hazard.

Mr Gee had carried out any necessary remedial tasks and developed a realistic action plan for handling suppliers and customers. He did have the advantage of a computer background, having spent much of his career

building computerbased manpower planning models with the Central companies Electricity Generating Board. He says that all 20 people on the

course were able to even cope with a little help. During the first two days, they harder to learnt how to test computers using a get help? floppy disc and through the Eight Steps to Compliance, a check-

list designed by Action 2000, the company set up by the Government to help and advise private sector businesses on how to tackle the millennium bug. The course members then had a week to write an action plan for their own business which they presented to the

group on their return. Successful completion of the course was rewarded by a certificate of competence. Mr Gee says: "The workshop was most reassuring

because it showed that the millennium bug is not a death sentence but perfectly manageable given the excellent information and resources pack that everyone gets." The trainers were so impressed with Mr Gee they



Geoffrey Gee with his millennium-compliant computer, thanks to Solotec

# On a mission to improve facilities

he discipline of facili-ties management (FM) deserves to be treated in the commercial world just as seriously as marketing, sales and distribution, according to a retired general charged with giving the industry a higher profile.

Sir Antony Walker, the recently appointed directorgeneral of the British Institute of Facilities Management, believes that the facilities manager should rank alongside the finance director and sales manager and be a candidate for the main board - at the moment, he is viewed as a minor figure responsible for cleaning and

catering contracts. Sir Antony is determined to change this. He wants to set standards for the FM industry and raise its status. "I believe that the facilities manager, whether working in-house or for a supplier, can do everything for a company except finance its deals and construct its buildings," he says.

His 35 years in the Army, mostly with the Royal Tank Regiment but culminating as Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies, has taught him the virtues of leadership, delegation and education. All three qualities will be evident in his new role, which he was invited to take up following his post-Services work for Agumen, the facilities management arm of the Mowlem

He has inherited a "maturing" institute with an impressive membership of 200 companies and 5,500 individuals. He says: "We take a lot of pride in our rapid growth. What these statistics signify is the growth of the FM industry and the burgeoning influence of facilities managers across ever-wider parts of the property management business.

We must do all we can to make sure their importance is recognised. The industry has had difficulty in finding an

"Yet facilities managers within companies are playing an increasingly vital role and

**Tony Dawe** meets the man determined to highlight a forgotten tier

of managers

Sir Antony: new role

taking a lead in bidding for private finance initiatives." The Government's policy of transferring risk associated with development from the public to the private sector, and the fact that many corporations now prefer to concentrate on their core activities have both contributed to the

boom in the FM industry. What it now needs, argues Sir Antony and his colleagues at the institute, are professional qualifications to underline the status of facilities manag-

He explains: "We are seeking to benchmark the industry by promoting a universally recognised qualification, the BIFM (Qual), which can be achieved by distance learning, attending accredited courses at universities and other places of higher education, and, in the case of seasoned practitioners, by presenting a portfolio of experience."

He admits that some members of the institute have been

will be recognised in the same way as FRICS is recognised as standard for chartered surveyors across the world.

"One of my aspirations is to see a job advertisement for a facilities manager which includes the words BIFM (Qual) essential".

After education, delegation is the next item on Sir Antony's agenda. With the institute attracting so many members, he wants to reduce centralised administration and devolve power to nine regions, seven covering England and Wales, one in Scotland and one in Ireland.

"I am in favour of empowering them so that they become the engine room of the institute, working to policy directions from the centre," he says. The regions already run an

"astonishing" number of events. Typical is a conference arranged by the North region next month at the Birchwood Centre, Warrington, focusing on the role of FM in educational establishments. Experts on building maintenance, secu-rity and the use of space. together with speakers from universities old and new, including Durham and Sheffield Hallam, will take part.

As well as empowering the regions, Sir Antony is eager for the institute to "look down the other end of the telescope and develop more active relationships with FM organisations in both Europe and North America.

In addition to setting new standards for the industry. Sir Antony has set two further targets for the institute: to play a greater role in enabling facilities managers to network and exchange ideas and information, and to lobby on behalf of the industry. "I have just taken the insti-

tute into corporate membership of the CBI," he says, "and plan to give it a louder political voice. I believe it is vital to lobby to get this industry and the people working in it recognised for the important role they can play in the success of

# Harmony and tranquillity of inner space

or more than half the companies in Britain, the cost of providing desk space for staff is second only to the cost of paying them. Balancing these two vital interests, instead of letting the first dominate the second,

extra large desk led to a vogue

for saving space and money by

cramming desks closer toge-ther while reducing "wasted"

space like recreational areas.

Now FM experts recognise

that staff don't like sitting in cramped conditions. They

is becoming an essential part of facilities management. Saving small sums on property at the expense of upsetting and demotivating staff may actually cause a company to lose money, Tony Dawe writes.
In the cost-cutting past, calculating the price of Janet's bulky filing cabinet and Bill's

invited him to join them as a millennium bug trainer. He says: "It seemed appropriate to help others struggling with the bug as I was one of those who adopted what was then the standard practice of showing the date as two digits rather than four, the root of the millennium problem."

hate walking along corridors to share a copying machine, lose their tempers when bulky reference books are thrown out to save space and loathe not having per sonal desk and storage space.

As Peter Frost, the chief exec-utive of OfficeSMART, says: What is rarely taken into account is the cost of absenteeism, low morale and general inefficiency created by cram-ming employees into the drab and unattractive offices that cost-cutting has created.

Nowadays people are more likely to work on projects and be multiskilled rather than working at a 'job' doing the same work all day. When they work in teams, the old office layout for process workers is inappropriate. In my own desk I have a cockpit with a concentration area facing the

wall there want to talk to term ownership of individual other than the same is to ration area where I turn into make sure desks are designed the room and have a meeting. A lot of desks now have a bulb on the end where two or three seats that be fitted. This design creates a relaxed atmosphere and a spirit of openness in-stead of the old set-up where a manager had a desk and you

confronted him across it." A manager to supervise staff and ensure that they were not chatting or filing their nails, but he could not be sure they were making an effective contribution to the company.

Current thinking is to trust staff and give them a comfortable, unthreatening environ-ment where they feel confident and valued. At the same time. office costs will continue to be analysed closely with less em-phasis on traditional longwith space efficiency in mind. Atlas Business Furniture

claims that its Centa units can save 40 per cent of floor space.
"Most desks waste space either side of the computer." Darren Buttle, managing director, says. "In our system, the PC sits snugly in the depth of the unit,

opening up space for work pa-pers in front. The idea is not to cram people into a small space but to make good use of all the space and create an attractive working environment."

Nigel Oseland, of The Con-

companies which design their - be compared against a nationfacilities to increase productivity will beat those interested in providing only the bare minimum at the lowest cost.

The normal role of facilities managers might be to reduce office costs but he argues that if the facilities help a higherpaid employee, like a consultant or manager, to add I per cent to productivity this can result in another £1,000 earned by the company or pay half the annual cost of providing the employee accommodation.

Facilities managers must balance cost, quality and per-

sulting Business, believes that ... formance," he says. "Costs can al database to check value for money but quality requires assessing staff satisfaction and how and when space is used.

"High density can increase noise, cause distraction and reduce performance. One solution is to break the space into sections, providing quiet areas for concentrated work, where people can have fun, bounce ideas off each other and interact, and enclosed spaces where they can have confidentiality. Space efficiency does not mean just stacking and racking people."

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Oracle Corporation UK Limited, whose business helps clients to utilise and manage IT — it has grown from 400 employees 10 years ago to more than 4.500 today.

British Airways, whose Waterside complex of 51,000 square metres houses 2,800 British Airways staff, covering commercial, financial and strategic activities and customer services training, as well as its health centre.

Existing buildings: Rail-

track plc, which took the strategic step of moving 800 staff from five premises into a single office - a vacant 15-storey 1970s single core tower build ing, in front of Euston mainline station, provided the ideal opportunity. United Distillers & Vintoers.

whose 1970s offices in Borron Street, Glasgow, had been largely untouched save for a refurbishment in 1986 — the building was treated as a greenfield site for its transfor-

Thomas Cook Direct, which needed to expand its travel agency call-centre service, and found a warehouse in Falkirk, owned by the local authority. right for its purpose. Smaller offices: Interface

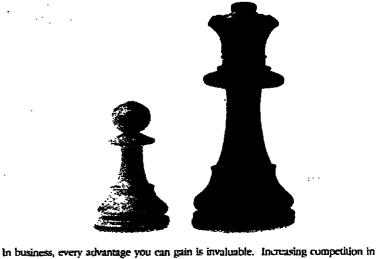
Europe Ltd. which redevel-

oped its site at Shelf, near Halifax, West Yorkshire. Overbury plc, which consolidated its three offices on to one site in a 1960s building.

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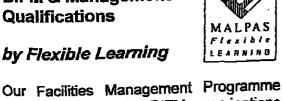
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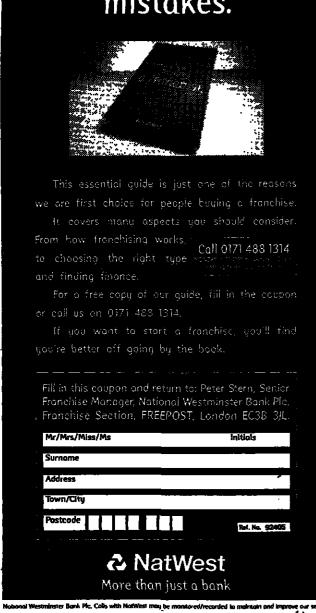
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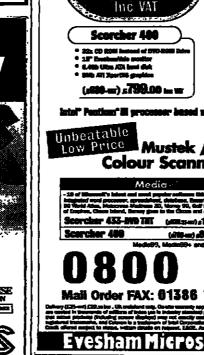
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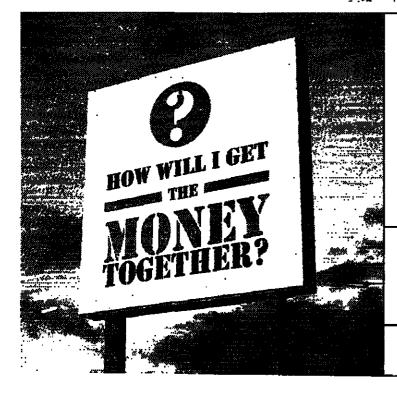
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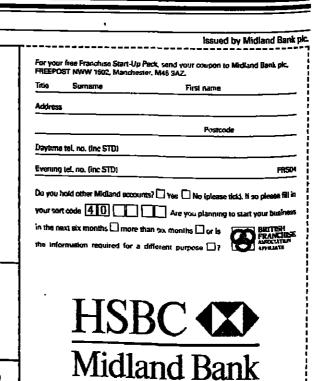


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# Let chain take the strain for rich pickings

Take the right precautions and franchising can prove highly rewarding, says Henrietta Lake

ook down any high street and there will be ⊿a string of successful franchises, from Kall Kwik to Snappy Snaps or Domino's Pizza, which have provided their founders with juicy financial rewards and one of the quickest ways to expand their husinesses.

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But entrepreneurs looking for growth need to be aware that a successful business does not necessarily make a prizewinning franchise.

Before taking the plunge and setting up a franchise operation, owners need to think carefully about how franchising would suit their company culture as well as its products or services.

"Any business which is capable of being run as a branch network should at least think about franchising," says Brian Duckett, of Horwath Franchising, a consultancy.

To turn a business into a booming franchise it has to be capable of being easily replicated For example, premises should be simple to find and capable of being fitted quickly. The process must also be easily learnt; it has to be possible to train someone how to operate the business relatively quickly, even if they do not have experience in the field

Franchises work only if they are profitable for both parties. Low-margin businesses need

Chantal d'Orthez founded Brush & Bisque-It, where customers draw their own designs on blank pottery, just 18 months ago. She already has three franchises in London, each turning over about E120,000, and plans to open an average of ten a year in the UK, until there are 30, and then expand into Europe.

The Brush & Bisque-It concept was just perfect for franchising; a streamlined operation, which was easy to run, with low overheads, high margins and a fun atmosphere to work in," she explained.

Businesses ripe for franchise must have a distinctive image that is fully owned. "It sounds obvious," said Mr Duckett, "but some businesses start considering franchising when they have not even trademarked their name. You cannot license other people to use your name unless you have the sole rights to it first."

The firm also needs to be proven and to be capable of growth in the medium term and the long term. Established businesses, rather than just good ideas, make the best franchises. Experts recommend setting up several fully-owned pilot operations before launch-

ing a franchise network.

Throttleman, the Portuguese menswear retailer that boasts the world's biggest and most colourful range of boxer shorts, is using franchising to expand its operation in the UK. It has 35 stores in Europe and has set up fully-owned stores in the Kings Road, West London, Broadgate Circle and the Bluewater shopping centre in Kent, while another is scheduled to open in Regent Street in London in June.

Bruno Guerbi, manager of the UK operation, said: "It was important to make sure we had the formula right in the UK first before franchising. However, it has proved successful and we plan to have 30 franchises in total in the UK. But we don't want to expand too quickly, we need to find the right franchisees and plan to open six this year."

There are numerous government and EU grants and loans available to both franchisees and franchisors. However, Mr Duckett is sceptical, and says: 'If you need a grant, you don't have the money to franchise." The drive to franchise and having the right product must be backed by cash. Franchis-

ing consultancy fees range

between £5,000 and £10,000. Add to this lawyers' and accountants' charges of about £3.500 and the marketing cost of recruiting franchisees, which averages about £6,000 per franchise.

On top of this, a company must ask itself whether its culture would lend itself to franchising. This is where most franchises fall down," said Mr Duckett, "It is all about a mutually supportive relationship. You can't treat franchisees like branch managers and expect them to automatically do as they are told."

Senhor Guerbi said: "Franchisees are not employees, but business partners and must be managed accordingly. You need to work hard to maintain the right relationships."

Tony Mundella, of Baker Tilly, the accountanpractice, recommends that the exact division of roles and responsibilities between the franchisor and the franchisees be identified

There is plenty of advice and training available for franchisors, from companies such as Horwath Franchising and Baker Tilly, on how to manage the relationship with their

They say that it is a delicate role - combining policeman and mentor - and advise franchisors to portray themselves as personal business consultants to their franchisees.

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Bruno Guerbi, manager of Throttleman's UK operation, says 30 franchises are planned

# Scottish firms unconvinced on independence

nesses are against independence, according to a survey by the lobby group the Forum of

With only a month to go before elections for the Scottish parliament, 67 per cent of the 540 businesses surveyed said that they did not agree with

Meanwhile, 47 per cent feared it would be bad for their own operations, with 29 per cent saying that it would make little difference. Less than one in six thought that independence would be good for their Gerry Dowd, Scottish director at the FPB, said: "Many

small and medium-sized businesses still see the new parliament as another layer of bureaucracy and it will have to earn its spurs quickly by demonstrating that it can listen to the needs of small firms."

■ Small businesses could receive up to £45,000 in prize money for coming up with innovative ways to improve the running of their companies. The awards are part of a new initiative by the Regional Development Agency for London, known as the London Development Partnership, to improve the information technology skills of small businesses in the region. For further information telephone 0171-248 5555.

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The Government must be made to see that they will be making things worse if they go ahead with this proposal."



Roy: junk mail fear

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# Olympian leads team to attain new goals

Skills learnt on the sports field have powered a

firm from its start in a garage six years ago to

IF PROOF were needed that a sportsman's judgment and motivation skills can lead to success off the pitch, then Richard Leman is your man.

£20m turnover

Mr Leman, an entrant in the Entrepreneur of the Year competition, captained the gold-winning British hockey team at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and has 227 international hockey caps. He now runs Olympian Consulting, an information technology recruit-ment company, which turned over £20 million last year.

The company, based in East Grinstead West Sussex, and employing 112, provides contract and permanent IT workers for clients including the BBC, Debenhams and GEC.

Mr Leman said: "Every day at Olympian, I use the skills in motivating and building teams that I learnt on the hockey field. I believe that much of the company's success is about positive mental attitude. We have a saying here that winning is a habit. I operate a performance-based culture in which people are given the flexibility to demonstrate their skills, which makes the company grow faster."

He talks to all new employees about his aim for Olympi-

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Richard Leman says his hockey years help him in business

an and how they can take an active role in decision-making. "It means we are all pointing in the same direction and we achieve more," he said.

The inclusive approach seems to work. This year's turnover target is £50 million. It may seem ambitious, but is based on an impressive record. Mr Leman admits that the IT recruitment market is boom233 per cent for four years.

Mr Leman set up the business six years ago in a friend's garage with a £7,000 loan from his mother. It took him seven months to win his first customer - just when he was close to giving up. "I worked through Christmas and new

ing, growing 25 per cent each year, but Olympian has grown annually by between 120 and

have similar priorities."





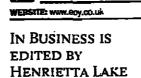
year in that first year," Mr Le-

man said. "I remember Daley Thompson saying he trained on Christmas Day because he thought it would give him an an extra 2 per cent on his decathlon rival. This extra 2 per cent is what I encourage my Employees are appraised quarterly, with clear goals being agreed. "I give my sales people the tools to do the job and

the freedom to steer their own career path," Mr Leman said. In its first three years, Olympian reinvested all profits in developing a database that Mr Leman sees as a key to its success, along with being more discriminating that some rivals in the candidates that it submits to clients. He said: "I invest in administration and back-up before ploughing money into the selling and recruiting departments. I cannot afford to let down clients by being ineffective in responding to requests. I am constantly surprised that many businessmen I speak to don't seem to

Henrietta Lake

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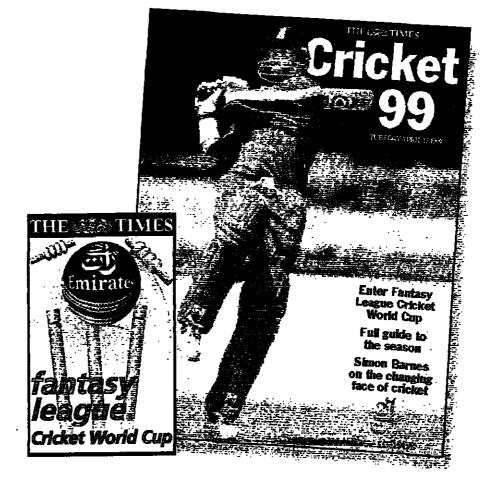


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# THE TIMES TODAY

# Passenger train hit in Nato raid

Nato admitted last night that a missile attack on a railway bridge south of Belgrade had struck a passenger train. At least nine people were reported to have been killed and another 16 injured.

The Yugoslav Army and local authorities in Serbia searched for survivors amid the wreckage of the train, which was hit in a ravine near the Macedonian border. "We deeply regret any loss of life," a Nato official said.....Reports, pages 1, 4-7

### Truck drivers to escalate protest

Lorry drivers threatened fresh disruption after a nationwide protest which jammed motorways and roads in six city centres. Growing anger among lorry drivers over tax rises prompted the second major protest in three weeks, with farmers and taxi drivers joining the demonstration in some areas......Pages 1, 2

### IRA 'tested missiles'

The British and Irish governments today resume their lastditch effort to save the Good Friday accord with Unionists claiming the case for disarmament has been strengthened by new evidence that the IRA has tested surface-to-air missiles.....Page 2

Kwik-Fit in £1bn deal Only two days ago, Sir Tom Farmer was listed in The Sunday Times Rich List as the 315th wealthiest man in Britain. By lunchtime yesterday he had leapfrogged at least 50 places by selling his Kwik-Fit tyre and exhaust chain to the Ford motor company in a £1 billion deal.....Page 3

Tapioca cancer quest The plant from which tapioca pudding is made may hold the key to a powerful anti-cancer cure. Genes isolated from the plant have been used successfully to eradicate brain tumours in laboratory rats ..... Page 9

### Doctor 'left scene'

A village GP left the scene of an attempted suicide, in which a man stabbed himself in the throat, telling relatives to stanch the blood, the General Medical Council was told ... .... Page 9

### Fish ban to aid birds

North Sea sand eel fishing is facing a seasonal ban because of a dramatic decline in birdlife at key

### Did Jesus eat meat?

The question of whether Christ was a vegetarian is stirring debate among Americans after the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) recruited Jesus in a campaign to stop the slaughter of animals.........Page II

SNP fails in Scotland Labour believes an outright majority in the Scottish parliament is now within its grasp after a disastrous election campaign performance by the Scottish National Party. Ministers were "cock-a-hoop" over a series of devastating poll results for the SNP

### leader Alex Salmond......Page 12 Welsh power push

Wales should aim for its own taxraising and law-making powers. Plaid Cymru said at the launch of its manifesto for the Welsh

### **Bankruptcy boom**

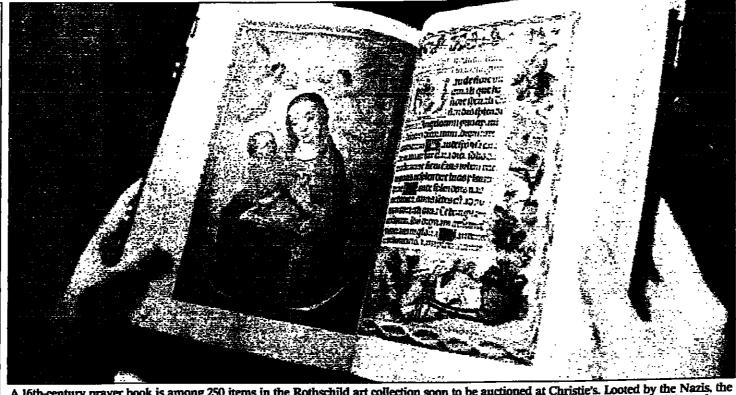
Increasing numbers of young people are declaring themselves bankrupt after building up thousands of pounds of debt on credit cards and in student loans. according to the Citizens Advice

### German train crash

Germany's reputation as a nation of engineering giants was seriously damaged when one of the world's safest trains crashed, killing three people and leaving 59 nesting sites......Page 10 others badly injured......Page 15

### Prodi hails the perk-free express

Romano Prodi, the incoming President of the European Commission, arrived at Downing Street in a London taxi cab. The frugality of Signor Prodi, in London for talks on Europe, was further illustrated by his choice of a £351 one-way businessclass British Airways flight from Rome to Gatwick, and his £10.20 ticket to Victoria on the Gatwick Express.......... Page 12



A 16th-century prayer book is among 250 items in the Rothschild art collection soon to be auctioned at Christie's. Looted by the Nazis, the £25 million collection was only recently returned by the Austrian Government but is for sale because the family cannot afford the upkeep

# Goldman payout: The 11 most

senior directors of Goldman Sachs are to share a total of \$1.3 billion (£800 million) under the terms of the Wall Street investment bank's .....Page 27 flotation..... Freeserve float: Dixons said it was

considering a stock market flotation of a minority stake in its free Internet service provider ...... Page 27 Rate cuts: Halifax and Abbey National cut their mortgage rates by 0.1 per cent following the decision by the Bank of England to cut interest rates by 0.25 per cent ... Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 index fell 31.6 points to 6441.2. The pound rose 0.92 cents to \$1.6150 but fell 0.07p against the euro to 67.18p. The sterling index rose to 102.7 from 102.6.

### Sport on television: The Grand National beat the Masters golf. Five Nations rugby union and Formula One to attract the biggest audience of the weekend's plethora of leading sporting events......Page 52 Rugby union: After a thrilling final

id Hands has selected a team from the tournament's most shining per-.... Page 50 formers .... Cricket: The final county championship season, before the competition makes one of its biggest transformations and is split into two divisions,

Five Nations Championship, Dav-

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some of them wintry. Fresh

### Big Screen USA: The hippest, hottest new Hollywood release is Go, a taut, funny, bad-attitude movie from Doug Liman that American critics have dubbed Pulp Fiction .... Page 34

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Net losses: Cybercrime is becom-

### ing a huge problem around the world but the US has tackled it only on a national basis. It's time for an international approach......Page 39

Throughout the war in Yugoslavia, the Serb media has been promoting the lie that Serb forces have only been policing a ruthless insurgency in Kosovo and Nato's intervention is unwarranted. Now Steve Pratt. the Care Australia aid worker who. with his colleague Peter Wallace. went missing in Yugoslavia on March 31, has been enlisted to the effort. Mr Pratt must not become a martyr to humanitarianism.

The Sydney Morning Herald

RADIO & TY

Review: Peter Barnard is enchanted by Tony Marchant's no-nonsense adaptation of Dickens's Great Expectations (BBC2) Preview: How two aviators flew round the world in the Breitling Orbiter 3 hot air balloon. The Mission (BBC1, 10.35pm)......Pages 50, 51

# War drums on the hill

An influential group of Congressmen is arguing that the Admininstration should never, for political as well as military reasons, have emboldened Mr Milosevic by ruling out the use of ground forces, and that the President should admit this now and rapidly mobilise Nato forces .....

### A weaker tomorrow

Instead of making Europe's banks more competititve, today's takeovers are locking in inefficiency. This is not only foolhardy but dangerous. Today's mergers may succeed only in weakening the banking system tomorrow......Page 19

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The action of Britain's lorry drivers will win few allies, but their case is persuasive. They should now pursue it with vigour, not from their table....

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They might have been singing Flower of Scotland in the Stade de France on Saturday but Rule, Britannia has secured the applause on the hustings......Page 18

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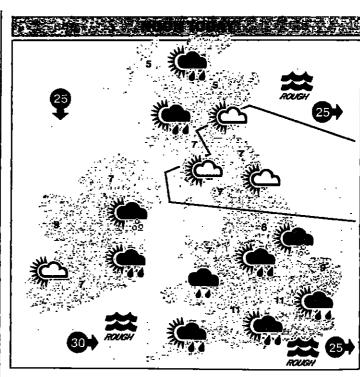
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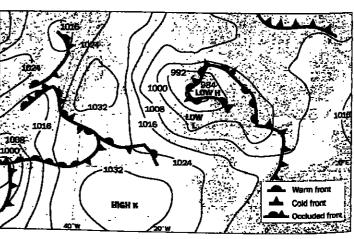
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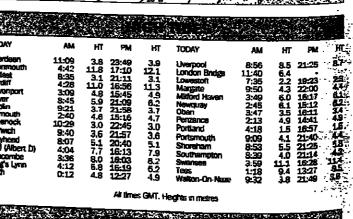
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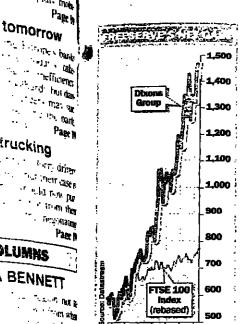
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RUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

TUESDAY APRIL 13 1999

Listing would give Britain its first blue-chip Internet stock

# Dixons looks at Freeserve float Business Today



Goldman

chiefs set

to share

£800m in

flotation

By Caroline Merrell,

BANKING

CORRESPONDENT

THE 11 most senior direc-

tors of Goldman Sachs are

to share a total of \$1.3 bil-

lion (£800 million) under

the terms of the Wali Street,

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Of Goldman's most sen-

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Hank Paulson, co-chair-

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shares worth \$150 million.

Robert Hurst, vice-chair-

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John Thain, co-chief operat-

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Outside of the top execu-

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Sir John Browne, chief ex-

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The investment bank.

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on Wall Street, is expected

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May with a price of \$45 to \$55 a share valuing the entire firm at about \$23.5 bil-

lion. Originally the bank

was expected to float at

All of Goldman's 13,000

staff will get shares. Their

individual entitlements

will be equivalent to about

half of last year's salary

plus bonus. The total

amount allocated to em-

ployees will be about \$5 bil-

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about \$40 to \$50 a share.

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ners based in London. Goldman also con-firmed the appointment of

yn Davies, the bank's

tion revealed yesterday.

BY CHRIS AYRES

BRITAIN could soon get its first ever blue-chip Internet stock. Dixons Group said yesterday that it had appointed financial advisers to look into a multi-billion pound flota-

tion of its Freeserve subsidiary. The retail chain, which has seen its stock market value rise by more than £4.1 billion since launching Freeserve six months ago, will also announce today the appointment of a chief executive to run the free Internet access service. The appointment is understood to be internal.

Dixons told the Stock Exchange esterday that it had appointed Credit Suisse First Boston and Cazenove & Co to "explore the strategic alternatives available" to Freeserve.

It added that it wanted "to enable Freeserve to realise its full potential and to optimise the value of Freeserve for Dixons shareholders, including a potential initial public offering of a minority interest in Freeserve."

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WALT DISNEY, the entertainment group, is said to be considering a spin-off of its Internet interests, joining a growing list of "traditional" companies that feel that their share values do not reflect the high-tech

businesses nurtured within. Alongside its more established film-making and leisure interests, Disney provides a variety of Internet

However, there was confusion yes-

terday over how to value Freeserve.

which has attracted more than 1.5 mil-

lion account holders since its launch,

and is expected by analysts to break

even in the second half of this year.

Even John Clare, chief executive of Dix-

ons, said he had "no idea" how to value

the company. There is no serious way

to value it," he said. "We're setting our

financial advisers an interesting task."

services, including websites for children, news from ABC, the television network, and online shopping. The iewel in its multimedia crown

however, is the Go Network Internet portal that it set up with Infoseek, the search engine company. Go provides a similar service to Yahoo!, acting as, a navigational aid for Internet users, without bias towards Disney sites.

Freeserve was the first company to

offer a large-scale free Internet access

service in the UK. It makes money

through an agreement with Energis,

the telephone company, under which

Freeserve takes a cut of all calls made

to its service. The company also

hopes to eventually make money by

George O'Conner, a technology an-

alyst at Granville, the stockbroker,

offering online shopping services.

awaited by traders who can turn Internet companies into multibilliondollar businesses almost overnight.

said Freeserve would have "a mini-

mum value of £1.8 billion". Other ana-

lysts have put its value at more than

Disney owns 43 per cent of Infoseek.

It bought the stake for \$70 million

plus its share in Starwave, the web-

site design company.

A Disney spokeswoman refused to

comment, but any flotation of the as-

sets on Wall Street would be eagerly

£3 billion. The announcement caused shares in Dixons to leap 114p to £15.64. The rise was caused mainly by speculation that Dixons could give cash raised through a partial flotation of Freeserve back to shareholders in the form of a special dividend. Mr Clare insisted that it was "early days", but conceded that Dixons did not need more cash.

We aiready have a significant valuation of Freeserve in our share price, but how much that is we don't know. Freeserve is likely to attract a different kind of investor. But there's been no pressure from shareholders [to float Freeserve] at all."

Technology analysts said that Dix-ons could be valued in two ways: as a so-called "Internet portal" such as Yahoo!, or as an Internet service provider, such as America OnLine (AOL).

However, analysts argue that because Freeserve does not charge a subscription fee, it cannot be compared directly with AOL, and because it takes a cut of all telephone calls to its service, it cannot be compared directly with Yahoo! Internet service providers tend to be valued according to subscriber numbers, while portals tend to be valued according to how many visitors they attract to

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Chief's new clothes Stock Market Dixons delight Equity price Unit trusts:



Anatole Kaletsky

Why lessons of the late Eighties must not be forgotten

# TONDON MONEY

BRITISH LAND is to launch

The fundraising will enable

The deal delivered a half share in Broadgate Properties and British Land later struck a deal with the receivers of Rosehaugh, Godfrey Bradman's in-

# Token rate cut made by lenders

By Susan Emmett and Alasdair Murray

LEADING mortgage lenders announced yesterday that they would pass on to borrowers less than half of the interest rate cut made last week by the Bank of England — and gave warning that any further falls vere unlikely.

Halifax, Britain's largest lender, was first to reduce its rate by just 0.1 per cent. This compares with the 0.25 per cent cut announced last week

The Halifax decision quick-ly forced other lenders to take action with Abbey National, its closest rival as well as the Northern Rock and Cheltenham & Gloucester, also an-

nouncing rate reductions. None of the lenders passed on the full quarter point cut. Halifax said it needed to consider the needs of savers. Savers have been hit hard by the rapid decline in base rates, which has resulted in many instant access accounts paying rates that are less than inflation.

The move brings Halifax's mortgage rate down to 6.85 per cent, saving borrowers with a £50,000 repayment mortgage

only about £3 a month. Simon Tyler of Chase de Vere Mortgage Management, said: "In financial terms the cut means very little. But it's all about sentiment. There

would be too much of a potential backlash if there had not been a move."

Other mortgage experts were surprised lenders cut rates by such a token amount given the administration costs of rate changes Ray Boulger, a mortgage ex-

pert at John Charcol, the mortgage broker, said: "Halifax may have been trying to put pressure on lenders with highegy has worked." The City is divided on wheth-

er there will be any further rate reductions, with many analysts pointing to growing evidence that the economy is heading for a "soft landing".

This view was backed up by the March British Retail Consortium monthly sales monitor, which showed that likefor-like high street sales were 3.9 per cent higher than in the same month last year. However, the BRC cautioned the figures were boosted by the early Easter and if the holiday was stripped out, sales grew by a

more modest 0.9 per cent. The separate March CBI financial services sector survey also showed an increase in business volumes during the past three months with forward expectations at their highest level for a year.



John Ritblat, chairman of British Land, who pursued the Broadgate Estate long and hard

# **British** Land to securitise **Broadgate** By Carl Mortished

the largest ever securitised property funding package with a £1.54 billion bond offering backed by the rental income of the Broadgate Estate.

British Land to repay more expensive bank borrowings taken on to acquire the 30-acre City development near Liverpool Street station and cut the company's interest payments.

The bond offering is expected to carry a coupon in "the low 6 per cent range" and will reduce ing cost from 8.49 per cent to about 7.4 per cent. The bonds are secured by £100 million of income from ring-fenced British Land subsidiaries that own the 13 properties comprising the 3.7 million sq ft estate.

The Broadgate Estate, which was originally developed by Stuart Lipton and Godfrey Bradman, was pursued long and hard by John Ritblat, chairman of British Land, Mr Ritblat won a battle in March 1995 to takeover the ailing Stanhope Properties, led by Mr Lipton.

solvent company, to secure the other half of the company.

# Yeltsin warning lifts gold

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THE depressed gold price showed signs of revival yesterday, with traders taking heed of President Yeltsin's threats to spark a world war and the release of figures showing a record number of short trading positions (Paul Armstrong writes). The price of bullion climbed to a high on the day of \$284.50 an ounce, up from the London afternoon fix price of \$280.60 per oz. on Friday. It closed at \$283.80 per oz.

Kamal Naqvi, a metals analyst with Macquarie Bank, said Mr Yeltsin's war warnings on Friday pushed the price through the \$282 per oz resistance level. He said the price was strengthened further by data showing the number of net outstanding short positions stood at 88,363oz, its highest level since the data became available in 1996.

# **Kwik-Fit to accelerate** expansion within Ford

THE Ford Motor Company is to buy Kwik-Fit, the car repair chain for just over £1 billion (Sarah Cunningham writes). Ford's offer of 560p per share has been accepted by Kwik-Fir's directors. Sir Tom Farmer, founder, chairman and chief executive, will pick up some £77.3 million from the sale of his 13.8 million shares.

The US motor group, the world's second largest, whose brands include Ford, Lincoln. Mazda, Jaguar and Aston Martin, plans to accelerate

Kwik-Fit's expansion across Europe. Jacques Nasser, president and chief executive of Ford, said: "The acquisition of Kwik-Fit is an important step towards Ford's goal to become the world's leading consumer company that provides automotive products and services through world class brands." Earlier this year Ford bought Volvo's car division in a near

Sir Torn, who founded the business in 1971, will continue to run Kwik-Fit, which em-

£4 billion deal.

in Ford. He said: "This provides us with a tremendous opportunity to complement Ford's global strategy and expand the Kwik-Fit brand as widely as possible."

The business includes 644 Kwik-Fit outlets in Great Britain and Ireland, a growing motor insurance side, a chain of 143 Tyre Plus centres and 71 Apple Car Clinics.

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# Sainsbury axe falls

J Sainsbury yesterday con-firmed that it is closing the neadquarters of Savacentre, its hypermarket business.

Some 85 of the Woking-ham-based staff will be relocated to the group's central London headquarters, but 230 face redundancy. Sainsbury's said it expects to save £9 million a year from the closure from next year. This year's saving will be about £1 million. Sainsbury is expected to say on Friday that it will shed 350 senior staff at its Stamford Street head office. Commentary, page 29

# as Forest chairman NIGEL WRAY, the property tycoon, is limping away from the chairmanship of Notting-

ham Forest, the team at the bottom of football's Premier League, nursing a £1.1 million loss (Jason Nisse writes).

The move follows criticism from fans over Mr Wray's refusal to come up with extra funds to help Forest. Local anger has been vented at Mr Wray's decision to invest a further £5 million in Saracens, the rugby union side he owns. As part of the Saracens deal.

Mr Wray wants to buy the freehold of Vicarage Road, the

ground Saracens shares with Watford, the first division foot-ball club. This deal could have breached the rules on football club ownership had Mr Wray stayed on at Forest. He is standing aside in fa-

Wray stands down

vour of Eric Barnes, the founder of Experian, the information group owned by GUS. Mr Barnes is buying a 5.7 per cent stake in Forest from Mr Wray. who is also selling another 5.7 per cent to Phil Soar, Forest's chief executive. This will cut Mr Wray's stake to 9.1 per cent and leave him with a £1.1 million loss on the shares he sold.

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# Heineken tipped as buyer for Spanish brewer

BY DOMINIC WAISH

HEINEKEN, the Dutch brewing company, is being tipped as the frontrunner in the auction for Cruzcampo, the Spanish brewer put up for sale by Diageo with an estimated price tag of between £400 million and £500

Diageo, whose Guinness arm has owned Cruzcampo since 1991, confirmed yesterday that it has decided to test the market "in response to recent approaches by potential purchasers". It has appointed Goldman Sachs. the investment bank, to advise on the process. However, the food and drink group played down recent suggestions in the Spanish press that a sale to Heineken was a done deal and said it would only sell at the right price. "We're just at the start of the process," said a source close to Diageo. "It will be several

weeks before any decision is made." Carlsberg of Denmark, Anheuser-Busch of the US and South African Breweries are also being seen as possible bidders for the business, which is forecast to make a profit this year of about £35 million. Last year its

turnover was £300 million. Guinness paid £530 million for its 89 per cent stake in Cruzcampo as part of a move to expand its stout-based brewing business into lager. Although it is still the market leader. with 25 per cent of the Spanish market, it has not proved one of its better investments. Cruzcampo has suffered from a combination of recession and intense competition, and Diageo has made no secret of its desire to seek an exit.

Although Carlsberg owns 10 per cent of Cruzcampo, it is considered a less likely bidder than Heineken, which owns 71.3 per cent of El Aguila, one of Cruzcampo's biggest rivals. Heineken has for some time expressed a desire to increase its Spanish presence, although it is also thought to be eyeing Ma-

hou, another big Iberian brewer. A spokesman for Heineken described suggestions of its interest in Cruzcampo as "rumour", but he confirmed: "We are interested in enlarging our activities in Spain."

# Welsh plea for rethink on water investment

WELSH WATER has called for a rethink of the Government's water quality improvement programme, saving the increase in its investment obligations means it is being forced to spend nearly three times as much per customer as Thames Water will spend on Londoners

Publishing its strategic busi-ness plan up to 2005. Welsh Water, part of the quoted multi-utility Hyder, yesterday said that its spend over five years will have to rise by 36 per cent

Ofwat, the water regulator, is policing government demands for the privatised water companies to improve the quality of drinking water and clean up rivers and the environment.

Graham Hawker, chief executive of Welsh Water, said: "Wales is necessarily a highcost area in which to run a water and sewarage business be-

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ing stable, bills will have to rise to pay for the increase in investment. We are not persuaded that this is the right balance and we have written to ministers suggesting that they consider options to rephase part of the investment programme until after 2005 to reduce the impact on future prices."

in an open letter to Ofwat. Mr Hawker said: "It is essential that there is an open and informed debate on the issues over the months ahead."

While the bills of Welsh Water customers are expected to rise by 3.5 per cent, North West Water yesterday said its bills will be going up by 5.8 per cent a year, or £13 per household.

NW Water, part of United Utilities, said it is being required to spend E3.7 billion. more than double the figure previously expected and ac-counting for a quarter of all the spend to improve quality demanded by the Department of the Environment. Transport and the Regions.
Anglian Water said its bills

will be going up by about £40 over the next five years as a result of its programme. This is against a £12 cut for customers over the same period if the company was to keep to current service levels.

Yorkshire Water said that its £1.7 billion spending plan will mean a rise of 2.5 per cent for customers, or £6 per household.

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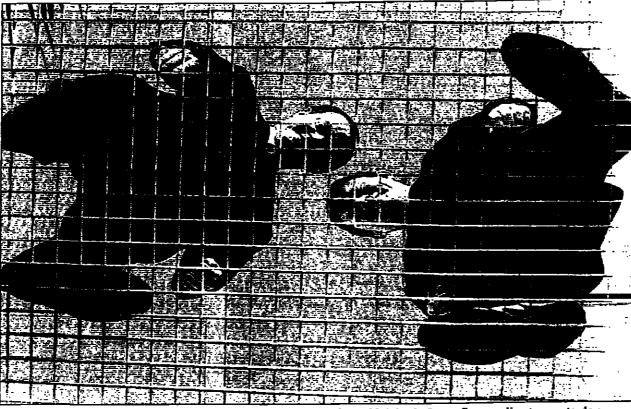
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John Steinbrecher, left, Electronics Boutique's chief executive, with Martin Long, finance director, yesterday

# Game set and match for EB

By Chris Ayres

NEIL TAYLOR, chairman of Game, the chain of specialist computer games shops, is set to receive a £22 million jackpot after the company accepted a takeover offer from the rival Electronics Boutique (EB). Game is valued at £99.2 mil-

lion by the 134.3p-a-share offer, of which 41.7p is in cash and 92.6p is in new EB shares. EB, which is will use both debt and new shares to fund the acquisition, said that the . deal would give it a "stronger home base from which to

move into Europe".

Mr Taylor's windfall comes after his sale of £38 million worth of Games shares at the company's flotation last June. at 200p each. Trading prob-lems have since caused Game shares to halve in value, before rising to 126p on takeover

Game's acceptance of EB's offer surprised many in the City, who had expected Mr Taylor to oppose any deal that valued the company at below 200p a share. However, EB yesterday said that it would keep the Game brand, and

continue to open Game stores. The combined group will have a total of 268 stores (with 182 trading under EB's brand) and estimated full-year sales of £242 million. Profits are expected to be £23 million.

Mr Taylor will leave Game immediately, and its other senior directors will be put on short-term contracts to oversee integration of the two companies. They are not expected to stay in the long term.

John Steinbrecher, EB's chief executive, said: "The combination with Game will

significantly strengthen our UK presence, enable us to develop a second brand and position us well to achieve our planned expansion into continental Europe."

EB yesterday reported almost doubled pre-tax profits for the year to January 31, up from £8 million to £15.3 million on sales 28 per cent higher at £159 million. For the first time in five years, EB will pay both an interim and a final dividend, making a 1.1p total.

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# **European Leisure hits** at bidder's accounting

BY DOMINIC WALSH

EUROPEAN LEISURE, the snooker hall and nightclub operator, yesterday stepped up its efforts to escape from a hostile bid from Waterfall Holdings by calling for the dismissal of Ernst & Young as its rival's auditor.

European, which has a 24 per cent stake in Waterfall, said that it intended to use its holding to requisition an extraordinary general meeting to consider the group's accounting practices. In particular, it is questioning "an undisclosed one-off amount" of £300,000 in 1998 profits, received as part of a renegotiat-

ately rejected the claims as "irrelevant and immaterial", arguing that the £300,000 payment had been discussed by the two sides at a meeting in February and disclosed in detail in a report from its brokers, WestLB Panmure, last September. It also confirmed its "support for, and

total confidence in, Ernst & Waterfall launched its allshare offer, currently worth 112p a share, after European's announcement last month that it was accepting a paper bid from Allied Leisure, the Burger King restaurants and

However, Waterfall immeditely rejected the claims as "irrently valued at 89p a share. European's share price was unchanged last night at 91p. giving it a market capitalisa-tion of £32.3 million.

Some analysts believe that the companies should put aside their differences and discuss a three-way merger. "It's about time some heads

were knocked together," said one analyst. "Everybody accepts the need for consolidation, and one way or another these three are eventually going to end up in bed together. They should do it now and stop wasting money slinging

# ed beer supply contract. Electra in disposal talks

ELECTRA Investment Trust, the venture capital fund currently embroiled in a bitter £1.3 billion bid battle with rival fund 3i. said yesterday that it is in discussions to sell two of its unquoted investments (Robert Cole writes). Electra owns 66.7 per cent of PHS, a supplier of wash-room products and said it has "received expressions of inter-

est from a number of potential purchasers and has received an indicative offer in excess of the £80 million". It is also in talks to dispose of WAP Reinigungssysteme, a German maker of cleaning equipment. Shares in Electra were unchanged at 72414p yesterday but 3i fell 271/p to 649p.



Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra Investment Trust

# Medeva shares hit by US setback

By Paul Durman

SHARES of Medeva fell 10 per cent yesterday after the US Food and Drugs Administration refused to accept the company's initial licensing submission for Hepagene, the hepatitis B vaccine that is the most important product in its pipe-

The FDA's numerous concerns included the number of people who took part in Medeva's safety trial and the manufacturing process.
In a statement, Medeva said:

The FDA also requires further information on protocols relating to validation of equipment, processes and systems."

Shares of Medeva, struggling with falling profits be-cause of tumbling sales of its biggest-selling drug, slid from 121p to 1081/p, against a 12-month high of 183p. Two years ago, the shares wre

changing hands at 330p.

A spokeswoman said the FDA's move was only "half a step backwards". European regulators have already accepted a similar filing on Hepagene for review.

Medeva is seeking to clarify the problems with the FDA and intends to publish an update next month. Bill Bogie, chief executive, said he re-mained confident in Hepagene's merits as a vaccine.

Hepatatis B is a potentially fatal liver disease that affects more than 300 million people. though mostly in South-East Asia. Medeva hopes to develop Hepagene as a treatment as well as a vaccine.

# Tessa deadline dismay at L&G

By Fran Littlewood

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HUNDREDS of investors attempting to take out a last-minute Tessa with Legal & General have been left in limbo after a mailing fiasco which is being blamed on the Post Office. L&G claims to have lost £1 million of business in the foul-up.

About 800 investors who posted their Tessa applications before the end of the financial year - ahead of the final deadline for Tessas - have been left in limbo after discovering that their applications failed to make it to L&G on time.

An L&G spokeswoman said that the financial services group has set up a meet-

ing with the Post Office to find out what went wrong. "We are hugely disappointed because we do not want to turn away business," she said. She denied that L&G had failed to process the applications in time to meet the deadline.

L&G contacted the Inland Revenue to ask for the deadline to be extended in the light of the delay, but was refused. A Revenue spokeswoman said: "The position is that if you did not get your application in by the deadline, then it would not be accepted by the Revenue." She added that the Revenue was taking a hard line with investors who waited until the last minute.

L&G has offered those whose applications were rejected an extra 0.5 per cent interest

The L&G Tessa offered a very attractive rate of 6.1 per cent on a minimum investment of El and had headed up a number of best-buy investment tables in the runup to the Tessa deadline.

on a cash Isa until the end of the year.

Mark Dampier, head of research at the independent financial adviser Hargreaves Lansdown, said: "People always leave it until the last minute. If you apply by post there is always going to be that danger." He added that he expects a number of similar cases to emerge over

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# GEC unveils £136m Marconi contracts

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY yesterday announced that Marconi Communications, its telecommunications equipment division, has won two contracts worth £136 million. In the bigger contract. Romania has placed a £100 million order for an integrated military communications system. The package, which includes 400 fixed and transporta-ble radio communications systems, is due for completion in 2002 Marconi said that some of the equipment, which is already used by military forces in France, Canada and Italy would be built in Romania under a technology licensing

Marconi wili also supply a communications package worth 636 million to Bulgaria's defence ministry. The purchase is part of a programme to make Bulgaria's systems compatible with those used by Nato. Marconi plans to start delivering the system in September. It is to be fully operational by 2001

# Telecom Italia ahead

SHARES in Telecom Italia gained 6 per cent as the market assessed the increased chances of a successful takeover of the Italian telephone utility. Telecom shares ended just under 610 (£6.71p). against Olivetti's £11.50 offer, and speculation continued that a white knight might come to Telecom's aid after the collapse of its defence strategy. Analysts reckon the Italian Government would bar a full bid from a foreign firm, but an alliance with a share swap might save the company from Olivetti.

# PizzaExpress reward

PIZZAEXPRESS yesterday proved that it is not only boardroom "fat cats" who can make big profits from share options. About ten restaurant managers, warehouse supervisors and other managers below board level are sitting on a paper profit of £867,000 after exercising 130,000 options at either 128p or 217p a share. PizzaExpress shares were 870p last night. A restaurant manager exercising the standard amount of 10,000 options at the higher figure would be sitting on a £65,300 profit.

## E-commerce on rise

A MORI survey for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award programme has revealed that 38 per cent of British entrepreneurs are already engaged in e-commerce. Of the 60 per cent yet to embrace the online economy, more than half plan to introduce e-commerce strategies over the next two years, the survey found. In the financial services and high-technology sectors more than 79 per cent say they will be buying and selling online within three years.

# US deal for Carclo

CARCLO Engineering Group, the technical plastics company, has agreed to pay \$25 million (£15.5 million) for Carrera Corporation, a US company that makes injection mouldings for the vehicle, teletronics and medical industries. Carrera reported earnings before interest and tax of \$2 million in the year to September 30 from sales of \$27.2 million. Carcle also announced that it would stop making flat wire products and reduce production of round wire goods.

# Slough in £45m sales

SLOUGH ESTATES, the owner of industrial and commercial properties, has realised £45 million from the sale of nine buildings. The deal was part of Slough's plan to sell non-core assets inherited through the £277 million takeover of Bilton. The company hopes to realise £100 million from the disposal programme. Derek Wilson, Slough's chief executive, said that the sales were completed at book values and would allow resources to be focused on its core industrial portfolio.

# **Dragons takes flight**

SHARES of Dragons Health Clubs gained 94:p to 199p yesterday after the AJM-listed fitness club operator reported a sharp jump in half-year profits. Pre-tax profits in the six months to January 31 rose 72 per cent to £600,000 from tumover 39 per cent higher at £4.64 million. Earnings per share reached 4.6p (3.3p) and the interim dividend is 1.05p (0.95p). Membership over the past 12 months has grown 30 per cent to 21,000 and the group is negotiating further acquisitions.

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grocery market tied up, J Sainsbury is fighting back. No longer, it seems, is Dino Adriano going to allow Sainsbury's market share to ebb away, taking the group's share price. No, the Sainsbury chief executive has a plan: he is spending up to £100 million on a new corporate identity for the group.

This news will clearly take the gloss off the buoyant figures to be announced by Tesco today. The firm's sales growth is reck-oned to be more than twice that of Sainsbury, but a new logo and a brighter staff uniform could soon change that.

There again, if the new look is as effective as Sainsbury's recent advertising campaign, it could simply amount to throwing money away. The chances are that when Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, the last chairman but one of the group, makes his regular sorties into the Stamford Street headquarters, he voices a degree of scepticism over the power of the design consultancy on which so much now seems to derend

depend.
Sainsbury opted for a change of management style after Lord John's all-powerful grip on the business was removed. But where is the substance? Dino Adriano has axed a couple of directors, including finance director Rosemary Thorne, and he is now preparing to prune a few

# The chief executive's new clothes

jobs from head office. Yet those moves, even when accompanied by something as drastic as abandoning the dingy brown livery, will not be enough to reinvigorate a company which looks increasingly to have lost its way. Industry observers believe that

Industry observers believe that the scale of the problems Sainsbury faces are not yet evident in the figures. They draw parallels with Marks & Spencer, where it was only after the succession row erupted onto the public stage that the full extent of the trading problems became apparent. Customer discontent had been mounting for several seasons at M&S but only now is a new chief executive able to admit the hit

that will have on profits.

Investors in J Sainsbury must be fearful of similar, deep damage being inflicted on their business. And since the Sainsbury family still owns more than a third of the company, the members have reason to be worried about more than the family reputation. Sir Timothy Sainsbury, a former Industry Minister, remains a non-executive director but younger Sainsburys have chosen not to make their career in groceries. They must now be questioning whether they want their fortunes to depend on the industry in general or Mr Adriano in



particular. But despite current speculation that they might wish to lessen their holdings in the company, it seems more likely that they might be looking for ways of restoring the bombed out share price, and even suggesting a few to chairman Sir George Bull.

The former Grand Metropolitan chairman has been living up to his non-executive status but a word with Lord John might encourage him to action.

# Ford wants to be the one to trust

phon more from the motoring consumer than new cars ever can. It makes as much sense to add a new dimension by swallowing Kwik-Fit as it did to consolidate its share of the global car market via Volvo. Edinburgh's least likely multinational would become the junior in a stable headed by Ford Credit, which earned \$1.1 billion last year, the only slightly smaller Visteon

parts business and Hertz rentals. Sadly, Ford lacks the courage to sell its own cars to the public.

a heavy discount to the market,

One reason may be that Kwik-

Fit is seen as a one-man entrepre-

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spired by one who, like most of them, started by carrying tyres. The world is littered with such taut businesses that fell apart in

the maw of a comfy multination-

al. Ford wants the boss to keep

running. Much may depend on whether Sir Tom, at 58, wants to

keep driving expansion or to try something else with his £75 mil-

Without independence, Kwik-

Fit could become just an outlet

for Ford products or an element in global contracts with Ford sup-

pliers. It would then quickly lose

Competition authorities will

want to examine such issues

closely. They now see the highly

profitable monopolistic position

Coca-Cola has built up by con-

trolling marketing, soft-drink bottling and distributions sys-

lion once contracts allow.

its customer franchise.

before Ford hove up?

In Britain, especially, Ford relied too much on the fleet market,
which is cutthroat and likely to
suffer as ministers ratchet up corporate anti-car policies. Kwik-Fit
knows and serves private motorists who cannot afford to write
their cars off over three years.

Analysts are rich in praise of Sir Tom Farmer's personal creation. Unusally for the motor business, it has the trust of customers, who have no worries about being ripped off or kept waiting at others' convenience.

Perhaps for that reason, Kwik

-Fit is unusually profitable. Imitators have either failed to make the same returns or sold to tyre companies, risking the value-formoney cachet of independence. As Sir Tom's recent acquisition of a portfolio of units on the Con-

As Sir Tom's recent acquisition of a portfolio of units on the Continent showed, there is plenty of scope to roll out this successful formula, notably in America. Why then were Kwik-Fit shares selling at only 16 times earnings,

UK and the European Union are making hostile inquiries into the restrictive agreements between motor manufacturers and supposedly independent dealers.

They ought to greet attempts to tie up other parts of the market with deepest suspicion.

terns round the world. Both the

# Spreading expertise a little thinly

s non-executive directorships go, a place on the board of Goldman Sachs is something of a plum. How flattering to be an honorary recruit to the Masters of the Universe team. Sir John Browne clearly found it an offer he could not refuse.

But his decision to say "yes" does raise once more the question of just how far one man's business acumen can be stretched and also how closely linked companies should become with their outside advisers. With Peter Sutherland, head of Goldman's European business, also co-chairman of BP Amoco, the two are now fairly thick.

sir John has a pretty big day job, as chief executive of the newly formed oil giant BP Amoco. He is prepared to sacrifice one of his existing non-executive posts,

probably DaimlerChrysler, for the joys of joining Goldman, but that will still leave him with Intel and SmithKline Beecham. When SmithKline was going

When SmithKline was going through the fraught merger negotiations with Glaxo Wellcome, non-executives were called upon to invest many man hours in the eventually abortive deal. One of them, Sir Peter Walters, was simultaneously having to try to sort out the boardroom problems at EMI. Corporate complications do not occur on schedule.

The Association of British Insurers is concerned that some directors are taking on too many non-executive roles, although it has not been brave enough to declare a limit. Sir John, in any case, would be unlikely to have breached it numerically. But the caseload could be tough.

### Memory crash

FORGET computers. They're old-fashioned hardware. With such reassuring thoughts, world stock markets shrugged off yesterday what seemed to be the biggest threat to the high-tech bubble for a while. Instant reaction to Friday's after hours revelations from Compaq, the number one PC manufacturer, was that quarterly profits at half market expectations spelt trouble. Not at all. Compaq was yesterday's story anyway. Investors are only interested in software. Wall Street surged. There's true confidence for you, or perhaps the over confidence that goes before a fall.

# Takeover talks boost Laporte

By Paul Durman

LAPORTE, the specialty chemicals group, was forced to admit yesterday that it was in takeover talks, fuelling a rise of almost 30 per cent in its share price.

The bidder is believed to be Clariant of Switzerland, which at the weekend was reported to be considering an offer of 800p a share. That would value Laporte at almost £1.6 billion. Laporte, which is being advised by Lazard Brothers, is still trying to agree a deal, but it is thought that it could be ready to make a full announcement later this week. A spokesman for Laporte said: "We certainly have not gone around so

liciting offers."

Jim Leng, Laporte's chief executive, is believed to be frustrated by the out-of-favour chemicals sector. Although Laporte's shares reached 879p last year, within months they had slumped to less than 400p. They had recovered to 590%p before yesterday's announcement sent them climbing to 762460.

Mr Leng has carried out a

wide-ranging overhaul of Laporte's businesses since taking over from Ken Minton in 1995. Laporte was then a well-regarded company with a strong performance over many years. Mr Leng almost immediately prompted a collapse in the shares when he set about disposing of many of the group's underperforming businesses. By March last year, a third of the group he inherited had been sold or closed, and staff numbers had fallen by 40 per cent.

These changes have caused the return on sales to rise from 11 per cent to 16 per cent, and return on capital to increase from 17.5 per cent to 25 per cent. Last year Laporte expanded through the £611 million acquisition of Inspec, a manufacturer of pharmaceutical intermediates.

Last year it made pre-tax profits of £134 million, helped by a solid performance from its specialty organics division, which makes chemicals used in drugs, agrochemicals and food additives.

# Confident Wardle lifts payout

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

WARDLE STOREYS, the plastics to parachutes company. lifted its interim dividend 8 per cent in anticipation of a "significantly stronger" second half despite flat first-half profits.

Brian Taylor, chief executive, said that while the group's inflatable systems and airborne systems divisions performed ahead of expectations, its technical products division had been hit by the strength of sterling and weaknesses in the automotive market. Profits in the latter division fell 43 per cent to £1.7 million on turnover which last year accounted for more than half of group sales, down

19 per cent to £25 million.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to February 28 fell slightly to £5.3 million (£5.4 million) on sales down 4 per cent at £56 million. Earnings per share are unchanged at 14p. The interim dividend has been raised to 7.5p (7.0p). The shares fell 10p to 410p.

# Christmas cheer for HMV

By Robert Lea

HMV MEDIA. the Waterstone's and Dillons bookseller and HMV music retailer, reported yesterday that profits in the Christmas and January quarter grew 20 per cent.

The company, which is expected to be floated perhaps as early as the end of this year, said like-for-like sales in its third quarter to January 23 grew 4.5 per cent. HMV stores at 5.8 per cent outstripped the bookshops, which saw sales rise by just 1.7 per cent.

The company said the improvement came on the back of greater efficiencies flowing through the merger of the businesses — a joint venture between EMI and Tim Waterstone 14 months ago.

Turnover for the nine months is up nearly 6 per cent to £971 million with operating profits more than doubled to £77.6 million. After £46 million of finance charges, pre-tax profits came in at £31.5 million.

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INTERNET GENERATIO

# Century critical over bid's early backers

THE DIRECTORS of Century Inns, which last month fell to a hostile £78 million bid by Enterprise Inns, yesterday criticised its institutional share-holders for not giving them a chance to seek a higher offer (Dominic Walsh writes).

Pre-bid support garnered from shareholders such as M&G and Norwich Union let Enterprise strike with 51 per cent of Century in the bag-leaving it powerless to resist.

Eric Walters, Century's chairman, who is also a part-

ner in Alchemy, the acquisitive venture capitalist, said that the board had previously received "other indications of interest... which may have realised improved value for shareholders". The support of those shareholders for Enterprise had prevented Century seeking a higher bid from third

parties or from Enterprise.
The 499-pub Century yester-day unveiled half-year pre-tax profits up by 8 per cent. to £4.9 million. Up to 40 jobs will be lost after the takeover.

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STOCK MARKET



# Dixons puts morning's pessimism in perspective

LAST week's party, which saw the FTSE and the Dow Jones industrial average hit all-time trading highs, threatened to come crashing down after Compaq, the US computer giant, issued a profits warning on Wall Street after the market closed on Friday.

With this in mind, London opened in pessimistic mood and was down 95.6 points by lunchtime, ahead of the New York opening. In the event, Wall Street decided that Compaq's troubles were isolated and better than expected trading enabled the FTSE to stage a partial recovery in the afternoon to close down 31.6 points

Much of this was down to Dixons, which livened up the aftermoon with a 114p rise to £1564 the biggest gain in the FTSE 100 — with the news that it is considering floating Freeserve. its Internet service provider. Many other Internet-linked

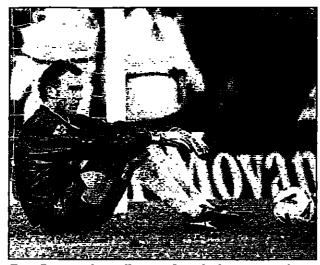
businesses were, however. down on the day. The telecom sector was hit with COLT Tele-com down 44p to £12.20, BT down Sp to £10.72 and Cable & Wireless falling 15p to 792p. Cable & Wireless Commu-

nications held its own — up 6p to 775p — on continuing hopes that it will be merged with rival Telewest Communications, which led the general telecoms slide falling 13p to 290p. Internet provider Easynet

fell 25p to 515p, pulled down by both the technology worries and by the prospect of a new Internet stock — Freeserve drawing money away from its shares. But Geo Interactive Media, which provides software to service providers, pulled ahead 12p to 137p.

The playful side of computer technology was also exciting the London market. Computer games retailer Electronics Boutique confirmed its longawaited bid for rival chain Game. The 134.3p a share offer -- valuing game at £99 million — sent Game shares up 5p to 126p. But Electronics Bou-tique dipped 2p to 81p as the market pondered the cost of its acquisition.

Kwik-Fit provided some early support to the market, with the news of Ford's £1 billion agreed bid. The vehicle repair and maintenance company jumped 1194:p to 541p. Lex Service, a company not dissimilar to Kwik-Fit, benefited from comparisons, lifting its share price 38%p to 469p

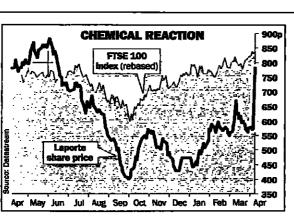


Dave Beasant, the goalkeeper of Nottingham Forest, shares of which slipped 1½p to 25p after Nigel Wray resigned

Laporte, the chemicals company, gained 1721/p to 7621/p, after it confirmed reports that it is in takeover talks. The predator is thought to be Clariant, the Swiss chemicals company. British Aerospace continued to benefit from the conflict in the

Balkans as defence stocks again attracted interest. The shares were 94p dearer at 4354p. AIM-listed Pilat Technolo-

gies managed a staggering 238 per cent rise to 35½p after it announced the first sales of its new Integrated Broadcast Management System to New Zealand broadcasters TVNZ and SkyNZ. It said that gross revenues from the deal were in the region of £1 million. Dealers said the sharp rise was caused by a stock shortage and the rise was not driven by



SHARES in Laporte almost caught up with the market average yesterday, having trailed the index along with other chemical companies since June.

The chemicals sector has been bombed out for at least the past nine months. but a breakout of merger and acquisition activity has increased interest. It suffered badly from the global downturn and the strength of sterling, but with international markets now steadying some analysts are saying that chemicals are ripe

for recovery — at least those companies at the specialty end of the business.

Albright & Wilson, the subject of takeover interest was unchanged at 151½p. The intermediate chemicals strength of BTP, up 21/4p at 369p, makes it look an attractive target. Croda International, up 14p at 238½p, could also generate a bid. But Yorkshire Group, in

the textile dyeing segment of the industry, revealed a further deterioration in trading conditions and saw its shares fall 7p to 1031/2p.

# fundamentals, as only five months ago the company issued a profits warning. Banks also suffered from

the early technology-related gloom, which was taken as a general bearish economic indicator. This was compounded in the afternoon with news of the interest rate cut by Halifax, seen as squeezing margins in the sector as others are bound to follow.

Banks had been particularly favoured in last week's bull run but yesterday they were prominent among the FTSE 100's losers. Standard Chartered was down 341/2p to 979p. Woolwich 13½p lighter at 386½p, and Barclays 44p lower at £18.73. Only Lloyds TSB saw gains, up 25p to £10.20h, on decent volumes and rumours that it is still on the lookout for an acquisition.

Boots, the retailer, was boosted 8p to 841 1/2p, after it announced an agreement to open its first store in Japan.

Newcastle United, the potential takeover of which by cable company NTL was referred to the Competition Commission on Friday, pulled ahead on the back of its FA Cup semi-final victory at the veekend. The shares closed up 6p to 81p — an 8 per cent rise. Other football stocks were on the losing side. Nottingham Forest's chairman, Nigel Wray, resigned knocking 14p off its shares to 25p. Tottenham Hotspur — out of the Cup — was 5p cheaper at 67½p, Celtic, 22½p lower at 305p and Manchester United dipped 15p to 185p - after drawing in the other semi-fi-

GILT-EDGED: Liffe announced that the number of government bond futures traded on the debut of its new electronic system, called Connect, had exceeded expectations. Liffe's survival as a top exchange depends on whether

customers stick with it as it in-

troduces the electronic system. An era ended at Liffe on Friday, with traders identified by different coloured jackets, marking the closure of the pit for gilt trading by cheering and singing Rule Britannia. In the futures market, the June series of the long gilt fin-ished down 2p at £118.28. ☐ NEW YORK: US shares were mixed in early trading. At midday the Dow Jones in-

dustrial average was up 35.52

# TEMPUS

# Watered down expectations

couraged by news yesterday

that two of Electra's unquoted

investments may be sold

soon, with a decently uplifting

effect on its net asset value.

But this does not amount to

new news: an informed ob-

server could have deduced

that a sale was in the offing

from reading Electra's tender

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is yet finalised. The implica-

WATER company shares have fallen, on average, by about 15 per cent this calendar year. This is during a period when the UK stock market average has risen by about 11 per cent. At current levels water company shares

trade on historic price-earnings multiples of less than ten. Dividend yields, before tax, sit at 6 per cent-plus. To some, this represents a straightforward buying opportunity. The bulls maintain that the worries about the stiffer regulatory framework - commented on by Anglian, Hyder and Yorkshire Water yesterday - are overdone. The regulator's bark. fans say, is likely to be much more frightening than its bite. Inevitable horse trading is bound to leave the firms in a much better final posi-

tion than may seem likely at present. Supporters also believe that water company shares have come under pressure as investors have sold to raise cash to buy into sectors with more exciting growth potential. There is substance in the arguments. But

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while the perception of the impact of the regulatory review may be misinformed, the perception exists and is likely to damage sentiment for as long as the uncertainty persists - and that will be for six months or so. Not only that. but the regulator may bite as badly as he threatens he will. If he does, the juicy looking dividend yields may prove a mirage as companies are forced to cut payouts to fund infrastrucute expenditure.

The prospects for capital growth among water company shares remains doubtful, at least in the short term. If there is value to be had. however, it is most obvious in firms with sustainable non-water interests, such as Thames Water and Pennon.

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> D-DAY approaches for investors in the Electra Investment Trust. On Thursday they meet to vote on Electra's independence plan. The fate of a hostile takeover bid from rival venture capital specialist 3i also rests on the vote because, if Electra's proposals are reject-ed, shareholders will tacitly endorse 3i, although the formal

vote on its bid comes later. As decision time draws nearer, the dirty tricks brigade has been out in force. Aspersions have been cast, and rejected, about the cause and sustainability of last week's rise in the value of 3i shares. The 3i price is important because it affects the implied value of 3i's cash and share offer. But while 3i shares spiked surprisingly last week, the long er-term outlook for 3i stock is

stouter than for Electra. Investors may have been en-

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### British Land

BRITISH LAND, no slouch at reading markets, is plan-ning to raise £1.5 billion at just over 6 per cent, secured on the income of its Broadgate properties. The fundraising follows the Canary Wharf securitisation which itself was a record at just £550 million. There is clearly appetite for property debt with good income covenants.

The two estates are not dissimilar, both let in large part to banks and geared as much to the fortunes of Wall Street as the UK economy. But British Land has wisely rejected the option of floating off a stake in Broadgate in the manner of the Canary. With property shares still valued at discounts to net worth. who would want a discount on a discount?

Broadgate's supporters sneer at the Canary, out on a limb in the East End, but at its inception, Broadgate's Liverpool Street location was

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seen as a fringe development. Yet the biggest threat to Broadgate is probably not the towers in Docklands but the planners at the City Corporation who appear ready to let loose a construction tide in the Square Mile in order to keep banks and jobs from

moving to Frankfurt. Nevertheless, British Land should have a few good years of rental growth at Broadgate and the refinancing frees re-sources for other projects.

### **Electronics**

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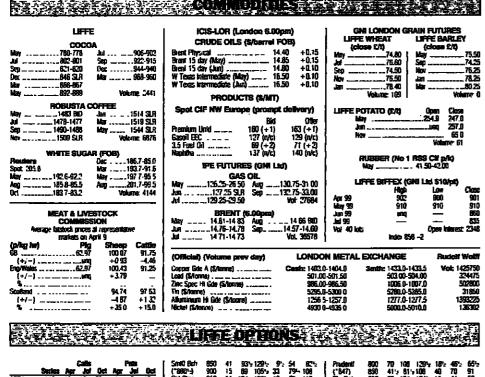
THIS computer games retailer has got a bargain with its acquisition of Game for just £99.2 million. Admittedly, Game was having problems - poor management of stock shortages over Christmas was one - but many will be surprised that the company's board recommended an offer

of just 134.3p a share. Yes, Game's shares have halved in value since coming to market last year but the company is no basket case. It is profitable and has good, well-placed outlets.

The bargain basement price, however, does not necessarily mean Game shareholders are being short changed. Those who opt to be paid in EB shares can continue to benefit from the upside, and the assets will be better managed to boot. The combined business will be a powerful market leader in the British computer games retailing. EB is also set to move into France, where the market is far less developed.

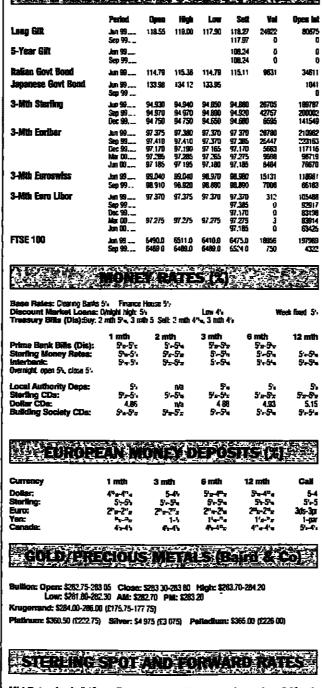
The market is likely to hot up even more thanks to the release of titles based on the new Star Wars film, and the launch of the Sega Dreamcast. All this makes EB's shares — currently 81 p. or 25 times historic earnings look attractive. EB is not without risk, but worth a punt.

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**ECONOMIC VIEW** 



ANATOLE KALETSKY.

# The dilemma of unleashing a Lawson-style explosion

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hinking about the fi-nancial implications of last Thursday's rate cuts in Europe and Britain I was suddenly struck by an unexpected thought. Could the world economy, and particularly the British economy, now be threatened by a rerun of the late 1980s? This was the period when the Bundesbank's delayed and reluctant response to a slowdown in the European economy and an international financial crisis set off a chain reaction of global instability and currency misalignments and eventually triggered a moderate, but nonetheless disruptive. inflationary boom and bust. In Britain, 1987-88 is remembered even more painfully as the year when Nigel Lawson became suddenly obsessed with trying to take sterling into the European exchange-rate mechanism. or at least to direct British monetary policy at "shadowing" the mark. Could central bankers in Britain and Europe make some of the same mistakes in the next few months?

Thursday's rate cuts by the Bank of England and the European Central Bank drew attention to several interesting analogies between economic conditions today and in the late

Consider first some of the similarities in the global environment. Firstly the world economy was recovering, then as now, from a frightening financial crisis (the 1987 stock market crash), which had produced a sharp, but temporary. fall in financial confidence in Britain and America, but actually did more economic damage to Germany and Japan. (The real economic damage done in the 1987 crash was due to sharp appreciation of the mark and the yen after the Wall Street crash). Then, as now, the initial economic dislocation that preceded the financial crisis was related to deflationary conditions in developing countries (the Latin American debt crises and the collapse in the price of oil in 1985).

Then, as now, there was a stark contrast between the attitudes of the German and American central banks to the midcycle economic slowdown and threat of deflation. (It is worth recalling that in 1986 price inflation actually fell below zero for the first and only time in Germany's history.) The Federal Reserve Board cut interest rates quite aggressively in mid-1985 and went on cutting until the autumn of 1986, resulting in a peak to trough fall of almost 4 percentage points. The Bundesbank, by contrast, cut interest rates much more slow-

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ly in 1985 and refused to budge any further from the autumn onwards. Throughout 1986, as the Fed was aggressively easing monetary policy, the Bunmaintained "steady hand" approach.

Then, as now, the result of the Bundesbank's refusal to pursue a policy of monetary expansion, was a dramatic slowdown in European growth. Then, as now, this slowdown occurred at the worst possible time, when European unemployment was already quite high, when the US trade gap was already alarmingly wide and when stimulative monetary policies were successfully reigniting growth in America and Britain, thereby adding to the trade imbalance.

But why bring all this up today? After all, hasn't the European Central Bank finally eased interest rates and much more aggressively than expected? Yes - but. The "but" re-lates to the foolish conditions attached to its rate cut by the ECB. Instead of openly admitting that it is now in the business of promoting European growth and promising to continue easing monetary policy for as long as it takes to revive European growth and employment, the ECB has publicly

promised to take no further action. In its official rhetoric the ECB has faithfully mimicked the contemptuous attitude towards "contra-cyclical monetary policy" that was always the ideological hallmark of the Bundesbank. How nostalgically redolent of the late unlamented Bundeshank were the words of Wim Duisenberg last Thursday when he announced his rate cut: "With the greatest force I can put in my voice, I want to deny that we have changed our strategy in any way — we are not pursuing a cyclically oriented policy."

y refusing to follow the example of the Fed and the Bank of England, which have effectively reassured businessmen and consumers in their countries that demand will be stabilised and recession avoided at all cost, the ECB, like the Bundesbank before it, has diminished the economic effectiveness of its own monetary easing. As a result, last week's rate cut, generous as it was, is unlikely to restore business confidence quickly in Europe. And continuing declines in confidence will put pressure on the ECB to ease still further a pressure to which it will ul-

timately succumb. Because it insists on cutting interest rates too late, it will finally cut them by too much. Returning to history, this is exactly what the Bundesbank was finally forced to do in early 1988, as the mark soared against the dollar and European business confidence collapsed. The result of the Bundesbank's untimely and erratic actions in the late 1980s was to exacerbate both the mid-cycle slowdown of 1986-87 and the increasingly inflationary recov-ery of 1988-89, which created the worst possible conditions for the reunification boom. Another even more spectacular example of the damage done by tardy and reluctant central banking has been visible in Japan since 1995. The danger now is that the ECB will repeat the same pattern of errors - first waiting too long before easing, then undermining confidence in its own actions by

ther rate cuts, and finally being forced to cut interest rates anyway and doing too much. There are, of course, many reasons why Europe is unlikely to experience an inflation boom in the foreseeable future. There is no shock comparable to German reunification on the

calling a premature halt to fur-

horizon. Europe is going through a period of aggressive competitive adjustment. And the general condition of the world economy is probably more deflationary today than it was in the mid-1980s. Nevertheless, misjudged and erratic policies by the ECB could do a great deal of harm, not only to Europe, but also to its trading

policies of Britain and the rest

monetary gap widens, Brit-ain's domestic economic growth will accelerate. This. industry is demanding a weaker pound and government ministers are quietly promising to deliver exactly this by joining

the single currency. But the more the pound rises, and the wider grows the gap between British and European interest rates, the harder it will be to take sterling into EMU at a comfortably low rate. The Government and the Bank of England will then be

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# partners around the world. This brings me back to Brit-

ain. Apart from all the worldwide parallels with the late 1980s already noted, three more parochial similarities are worth noting. First there is the state of the domestic economy, which now seems to be on the verge of a major revival in demand, after flirting with a recessionary threat whose seriousness was overestimated by most commentators, just as it was in 1986-87. Secondly, there is the high level of worldwide confidence in British economic management and political stability. This confidence may or may not be justified, but just as in the late 1980s, it is at least a temporary fact of British life. Thirdly, and most importantly, there is a potential conflict, with major political connotations, between the monetary

this last factor, one need only think ahead to the interest rate decisions of the Bank of England and the ECB during the rest of this year. The ECB's next move, if there is another this year, will almost certainly be a further cut. The Bank, by contrast, will probably start raising rates sometime this year, even if it does make one further rate cut before the summer (which I personally rather doubt). Sometime in the coming months, therefore, the diference between British and European interest rates will widen further, yet even as this will create the classic conditions for a further hardening of sterling, at a time when British

o see what I mean by

next two years."

faced with an all too familiar dilemma. Should Britain's monetary policy "shadow" the policy in Europe at the risk of unleashing a Lawson-style boom? Should British industry be ex-posed to the disciplines of an even stronger pound? Or should we just jump into EMU at whatever happen to be the prevailing interest and exchange rates and just hope for the best best, as John Major did when he joined the ERM? Whatever happens, we should not forget what happened in

and not much else. As it happens, the Walkers

used to keep a python of their la, now in EastEnders.

George added: "It would wrap itself around me with its head nestled in my neck, where it was warm. When visitors came round, it would put its head up and look at each of

Just the trick, it seems, for frightening off their former son-in-law, the Marquess of Milford Haven.



# Baby boom crucial to Boeing's hopes of regeneration

R arely has a pany so much responsibility, so many hopes and shoulders Or, to be fears on its shoulders. Or, to be more precise, on its wings.

The infant burdened with such high expectation is the "Baby Boging", a 100-seat air-craft designed for a market that is potentially huge, but as yet relatively unproven. The latest creation of Boeing, the beleaguered US aircraft maker, must succeed in blazing a trail in the short-hop commuter market.

Its task is to convince airlines across the globe that there is a long-lasting demand for a 100-seat jet offering much of the comfort of larger aircraft but with greater frequency and less noise. The Baby Boeing - or

717-200 - certainly cannot afford to fail. It comes to the market at a time of continuing uncertainty for Boeing's 238,000 staff following last year's announcement that some 50,000 jobs must be cut this year.

Boeing has been the focus of unwelcome attention about its poor productivity, manage-ment and financial position. having plunged into loss for the first time in 50 years.

Although Boeing is on course to deliver 620 aircraft this year, 70 up on 1998, analysts remain worried about the short-term direction of the world's biggest aircraft maker. Crucial discussions are

about to begin with unions over the job losses, and strikes are a possibility.

In addition, a huge manage ment shake-up last year has not ended the turmoil at the top of the company. With earnings expected to be lower than originally forecast, at £1.1billion, shareholders are looking for early signs of an upturn in the face of an increasingly aggressive challenge from Airbus Industrie, the four-nation European consortium.

While Airbus remains well behind Boeing in deliveries — 229 in 1998 — its order book is growing markedly, up to 556 last year. Such progress sends shudders through US investors used to Boeing's world dominance.

Nick Heymann, senior vicepresident of Prudential Securities, the Wall Street broker, said: "There is no doubt that Boeing has a lot of ground to make up. No one really thinks the changes of managers have completed the job, so there is a great deal of doubt over the direction of the firm

Whether the 717 will fulfil in-

Arthur Leathley asks whether

sales of the 717 will fly as the US group fights back against Airbus

vestors' hopes remains an open question. Phil Condit, Boeing's chairman, last week at least allayed some fears by confirming that the 717 programme would continue despite disappointing orders.

Publicly, Boeing executives are buoyant about the sleek newcomer. But privately, they admit that they had hoped that the sales figure, standing at 115, would have passed 200 by the time the aircraft makes its appearance at the Paris Air Show in June.

The importance of the 717 is underlined by the fact that, in a ten-day, whistle-stop tour immediately after the show, senior Boeing executives will take their baby to most of Europe's leading capitals.
While US carriers, TWA

and AirTran Airways, have each ordered 50 717s, only 15 have so far been ordered in Europe. European carriers, including SAS and Swissair, as well as the huge leasing company ILFC, have shown interest but have not placed orders.

According to Mr Heymann. the European tour is of critical importance. "If they don't get orders this year, especially from leasing companies, they really have problems."

In Europe, as in the US. more than 80 per cent of regional flights are less than 500 nautical miles, and the 717, a successor to the DC9, is targeting that market.

oeing believes that, after 15 years in which Airbus has stolen the show with its family of short and medium-haul aircraft, it has found a niche that its European rival has missed. Chris Longridge, vice-presi-

dent of European sales, points to huge growth ahead in the market created by low-cost carriers, predominantly in Britain. "There is a great deal of innovation and intense flexibility must be the key to success.

Boeing may need to lure young, no-frills companies plate failure."

such as Debonair, Go. Rya-

nair and easyJet.
Over the next 20 years, only half the 3,000 short-range air-craft in service will still be flying, as many Boeing 737s. DC9s and BAe 146s will be retired. In addition, Boeing pre-dicts a further 1,100 short-haul jets will be needed to satisfy the growing commuter and lei-sure traveller demand.

With 2,600 new aircraft needed. Boeing says that being first to the market is crucial. Airbus is still preparing plans for its A318, an aircraft that Boeing executives scath-ingly call a "double shrink" of its existing A320. Although the first A318 will not be delivered until 2002, Airbus claims it already has 130 firm orders, including 50 from TWA.

"The key is that our plane is flying. Theirs isn't," says Jerry Callaghan, director of the 717

B oeing is desperate to regain its position as the innovator, the company the aviation world has to watch. The excitement of the world-shrinking effect of the 747 and the market-dominating arrival of the 737 are now a

mere memory.
With the 717 selling for less than £20 million, it will take substantial orders to help to turn round the 1997 losses of £100 million.

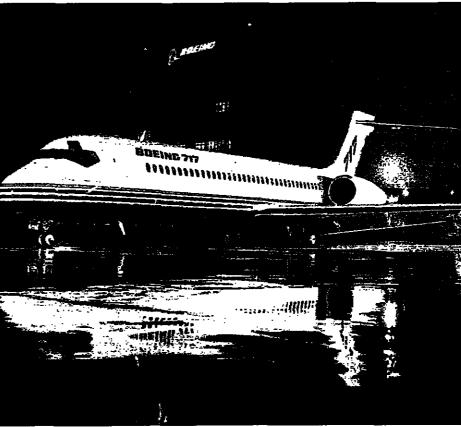
Boeing believes it is overcoming many of the produc-tion problems that caused such huge problems in 1996. The massive factories at Everett, near Seattle, and Long Beach are turning out 50 aircraft a month, compared with a low of 18 in mid-1996.

Colossal investment in automation has hit profits but has brought the US company more into line with the high-technol-

ogy Airbus plant in Toulouse. The company has also abandoned its old policy of meeting every specification laid down by airlines. The 717, for instance, has fewer than 80 optional extras for airlines to choose from. This contrasts with legendary tales of dozens of different designs that Boeing would offer to create to satisfy demand.

However, although Boeing is unwilling to bend over backwards to sell the 717, it dare not contemplate its baby failing to reach maturity. The company's future rests on the 717 meeting its sales targets.

In the words of Mr Calla ghan: "We don't even contem-



Ready for take off: Boeing's 717 is being marketed as the natural successor to the DC9

# . Knight out

best-known strategists, has quit to set up his own hedge fund. He left Nomura after almost a decade once last year's bonus payment was confirmed, as indeed you would. and is now mulling over names.

Knight Fund Management is the favourite, with a play on words or logo on knights. chessmen and strategy, he tells me. "I've toyed with this idea for a number of years. and the time is now right."

lask, in my ignorance, if big hedge funds are really flavour of the month. "You can do it at



NICK KNIGHT, deputy managing director of Nomura in the UK and one of the City's an any level you want," he says. "I've got enough serious punters already."

READ this. "Next is planning a wide range of national and local events to raise awareness of the building week is National Construction Week, and Hanson plc, sponsor of the week, materials and construction industry." No. I have no idea what it

means either, but it is an announcement from Hanson, the building materials people. And it has nothing to do with Next, the fashion chain. It appears to concern a special week for builders. They're not coming anywhere near my house, I can tell you.

### Bale out

TROUBLE at European Leisure, the subject of a bad-ternpered and complicated threeway takeover bid, over the "golden parachutes" negotiated by its directors if one of the

bids succeeds. The offer document from Allied Leisure, the preferred bidder, shows that Ian Rock, chief executive, could receive £385,000 in all should Allied win the day. Other directors day, and all the profits from

will not exactly be on the breadline either. The people at Waterfall, the other bidder, sniff that it all seems "extreme-

ly generous". Rock's package buys him out of a two-year rolling con-tract on £175,000 a year. He can also buy his car for £7,000. "It's an elderly Lexus — he bought it second-hand and with high mileage already," European's advisers claim.

# Tribute

THE people at Garban, the money broker, will mark the funeral of John Bullen, a colleague who died a fortnight ago, with a charitable donation. Bullen was just 37 when he died of heart problems. He will be buried on Thurs-

that day's trading on the Scandinavian forward forex desk where he worked will go to a charity of his family's choice.

THIS is completely bonkers. but it is true. Hewitt Associates, the management consult-ant, has hired the London Philharmonic Orchestra for to-morrow evening for "an interactive experience for exploring the metaphor of conductor as leader and orchestra as organisation".

As a result, 250 business people from firms including BP Amoco and Diageo will sit among the orchestra for a performance of the Enigma Variations conducted by Roger Nierenberg of Stamford Symphony Orchestra. (The idea, unsurprisingly, is Amer-

"You will be called up to take the podium, take the baton and conduct the orchestra," someone from Hewitt tells me. A sort of bizarre corporate karaoke, then. But what if you can't conduct for toffee? "He (Nierenberg) will stand behind the person and move their hands for them."

# **Pythonesque**

OLD times recalled for George Walker, who celebrated winning the Moscow lottery licence by inviting some of his backers over there at the weekend. Walker and his wife.

Jean, were very taken with a nubile Russian who took to the stage at the Metelitsa casino wrapped in a large python

own, called Loia, in their penthouse apartment on Pall Mall in the 1980s heydays of Brent Walker. The snake belonged to their actress daughter Rom-

them in turn."

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ests of ethnic diversity. He is not a token Brit, exactly - he gets co-star billing and causes a tremendous amount of mayhem - but he is definitely typecast, and the manner of his typecasting should give us. as a nation, pause for thought. Our new cultural ambassa-

dor, played with great conviction by Desmond Askew. does not quite recall the icons of suave by which we were once known in Hollywood - the Nivens, the Connerys, even the Grants. He is more like Mr Bean with a mouth and a libido, or Clouseau with a robust Romford twang. He is friendly, naive, horrifyingly reckless and very, very stupid. Yes indeed. We will have another chance to be smug at the Yanks' expense when Hugh Grant socks it, so to speak, to Julia Roberts in Notting Hill. But in the mean time the Yanks are laughing at us, and in Go we have no choice but to go along with it.

This film is brazenly derivative, mainly of Pulp Fiction. Critics have variously called it Pulp Fiction Jr.. Pulp Fiction Lite and the grunge version of Speed. Maybe so. But it still manages to feign originality and deliver all the fun and frolics of an all-night Ecstasyfuelled rave in a suburban LA airport hangar. Much of this has to do with the script, a superbly taut confection by the 27-year-old John August, and his first to make it to the big screen. It is deeply hip — lines like "Don't get 818 on me here" presuppose a native Hollywoodite's contempt for the San Fernando Valley and its area code. It is also funny, to wit a talking cat, complete with subtitles. lecturing on the effects of E. And it offers the oddly wholesome satisfaction of seeing multiple plot strands thrown off like sparks from a Catherine wheel by the telling of the same chaotic story from three points of view, and then

seeing them neatly resolved. The strand involving Askew's mad Brit is actually the least original. All he does is go to Las Vegas with a bunch of male friends, throw up, have sex with two women at once, set their hotel room alight, steal a Ferrari and shoot a bouncer at a strip club. There is also a car chase. Back in LA, the girl who took Askew's shift at the stultifying supermarket where they toil

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tries to take on some of his drug-dealing work as well. Her first two customers turn out to be gay actors who play sublimely bizarre Christmas Eve with a real narcotics detective and his wife, at the mercy of their wholly unexpected de-

Despite its script, this project could have turned out like 200 Cigarettes, an equally modish young ensemble piece that came and went last month barely registering at the box office. The difference is Doug Liman, the director. who launched several careers, including his own, with Swingers two years ago. His restraint with his actors and his editing are paradoxically what make Go go; the result is at once frenzied and deadpan, allowing squarer souls to believe there may actually be kids out there who behave this badly.

one of his checkout clerks on a delirious Macarena through the fruit and veg section of the supermarket where the film begins and ends. His skanky vision of low-budget LA partying is so real that he ends up not so much plagiarising Quentin Tarantino as threaten ing to usurp him as auteur of the moment at large in the underworld of Southern California's stoned yoof. If Liman is the new Taranti-

no, he is helped by having the new Uma Thurman and Tom Cruise in his cast. The former is his lead, Sarah Polley. She has the legs of a giraffe and can make "Paper or plastic?" (as in "what sort of dag wou you like your groceries in?") sound like a mortal threat. The latter is Scott Wolf, a dead ringer for Cruise in the era of the gay actors marks a longawaited graduation to features from sitcoms and reminds one of a top-class athlete running

ported by Taye Diggs - who gets lucky with lines like: "If one man in ten was having the

iman is his own cinematographer, which means it was probably his idea to send

Top Gun. His role as one of

well within himself. He and Polley are well sup-



sex I'm having there would be no war" - and by the spooky William Fichtner, who was blind in Contact but now sees everything as the drug cop.

Where Askew goes from here is certain. He doesn't look or sound like the next Ewan McGregor, but he leaves his mark on Go. Thanks mainly to him the film's ratings on the parent-orientated screenit.com website are: Alcohol/Drugs — heavy; Blood/Gore - heavy; Disrespectful/Bad Attitude -

Such warnings seem to be having an effect at the box office. Despite rave reviews, Go opened four places behind Never Been Kissed, the weekend's top opener - a patchy contrivance about a reporter who goes back to high school undercover. Never Been Kissed is notable mainly as

proof that Drew Barrymore can carry a film as well as many actresses earning three times as much. We knew she could act, and last year she showed she could charm the pants off America as well; The Wedding Singer took in \$80 million in the US alone and Ever After made \$65 million. So enough of this froth, Ms Barrymore. Next time audition for Doug Liman.

**US WEEKEND BOX-OFFICE TAKINGS AND ANALYSIS** 

(1) The Matrix (Warner Bros)	
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● First amount is estimated weekend takings, April 9-11. Second amount is total takings to April 5. Figure in brackets indicates last week's position

 Keanu Reeves appears to have bounced back into the big time with The Matrix. The cyberspace thriller retains its No I spot for the second week, though Robert De Niro also goes from strength to strength with his Mafia comedy Analyze This, now approaching \$100 million in takings.

Dutoit pushes the Philhar-

monia so hard it ends up in a

headlong rush. The BBC Phil-

harmonic at Liverpool Cathe-

dral with Ian Tracey gets lost

in the cavernous acoustic, and

with the Lille orchestra and

Philippe Lefebvre in Notre

Dame too much detail suffers

in the more hectic passages. \$

The gentle three-time inter-

lude is difficult to keep crisply

in rhythm. Aware of the dan-

gers of letting the rhythm go

slack, Malcolm almost double

dots it. The Boston Symphony

under Munch is rather slow

and turgid. Munch has a spe-

cial relationship with Pou-lene's music, but it doesn't

shine through here. How

much better the Boston Sym-

phony sounds with Simon

Preston under Seiji Ozawa (DG 445 67-2, E10.49). At the

# Some are more equal

B its and pieces night at the Wigmore Hall. The scherzo and trio from Schubert's great string quintet, a Mozart violin sonata allegro, the opening of The Art of Fugue played twice, a Beethoven minuet and trio in two different garbs, the first chunk of a Bach violin partita; and just one complete work, one of Haydn's early string quartets, Op 20. No 6.

What was this. Homage to Classic FM or Brian Kay's Friday Evening? Certainly not. The concert's linch-pin and magnet was Vikram Seth and the publication of his novel. An Equal Music. Its narrating hero, Michael Holmes, plays second violin in a string quar-tet, the Maggiore: and he pursues his art in, among other places, the Wigmore itself - in Michael's words "the sacred

rtistic vision and good timing came together

A timing came together here, allowing the Lon-

don Sinfonietta to combine its

State of the Nation weekend

of young British music with

the closing days of the Hay-

Caulfield exhibition.

ward Gallery's Patrick

By giving the premieres of four RVW Trust commissions

written specially for the exhibi-

tion to an audience surround-

ed by these paintings, the Sin-

fonietta overcame its usual

handicap of having to play un-

regimented music in regiment-

ed spaces. Each of these musi-

cal "pictures at an exhibition"

evokes strong visual images,

and each is very different in its

# **CONCERTS**

An Equal Music Wignore Hall . So what better than a concert

of music mentioned in the novel, with the author reading extracts moderately eloquently, and a pile of signed copies in the foyer? This was a good idea and a

bad idea. Good, because extracts and music at their best fertilised each other. We heard about Haydn writing his quartet in 1772 "with the sharpened feather of a bird"; we experienced the implied bright fleetness in the performance of the ad hoc group led by Maya Iwahuchi's gorgeously beautiful first violin. We heard of Michael in Vienna, perform-

Compositions

for Cauffield

Hayward Gallery

use of a fixed ensemble consist-

ing of clarinet (Timothy Lines).

trombone (David Purser), dou-

ble bass (Enno Senft) and key-

board (John Constable). But

two in particular seem to find

striking musical equivalents

for Caulfield's style: Karen

Smith's Within the Walls and

Edward Rushton's Cheap

Drinks both catch the poster-

like simplicity and vigour, as

well as the artist's mixture of

Music to watch paintings by

ing Schubert with his long-lost love Julia and entering the composer's tormented mind. A few minutes later, the strings scurried, growled and sobbed through the scherzo of the C major quintet, passion bursting free from formal con-

But interlaced readings and

music snippets did not make a compelling concert, and certainly precluded performances offering much organic flow. Instead, everything was managed with force and alacrity. from the opening of Bach's solo violin partita. BWV 1006, executed with panache by Philippe Honoré, to the brilliant platform re-adjustments. No player demonstrated more force, perhaps, than Joanna MacGregor. In the minuet from Beethoven's C minor piano trio (also heard reworked

Within the Walls operates on two different levels. It be-

gins very effectively with a low, staccato melody broken

up between the different instru-

ments. Gradually the ideas

are gathered up in fragmen-

tary, jazzy strains, and the con-

trasting lines are integrated

partly by Caulfield's Happy

Hour, and is the composer's at-

tempt to "populate" a stark-looking bar. The wailing clari-

net of the opening is joined by a striding double bass and

manic trombone, all at cross-

purposes and with sampled

sounds added in, before a com-

mon chant unites them.

Cheap Drinks is inspired

only at the close.



Vikram Seth, whose novel An Equal Music is just out

little of Seth's "equal music": MacGregor's piano stood in the spotlight, blazing nimbly through the movement's descending scales. She was better displayed alone at the end, steering a gravely beautiful path through the Contrapunctus I from Bach's Art of Fugue. An over-precious evening.

GEOFF BROWN

Ian Vine's three black

moons takes its name not from

Caulfield but an Alexander

Calder mobile. Indeed, this

cruiet score is almost like a mo-

bile in its evocation of suspend-

ed sound and the way in which

the same ideas are heard as if

The visual connections

Tightropes of the Mind makes

attest to the fact that its com-

poser, Marc Yeats, is a painter

himself. A plain surface of

sound is disturbed by the dou-

ble bass "protagonist" and oth-

er voices including keyboard

chimes, but calm cohesion is

from different angles.

# Parade of the imagination

adio 3's Endless Pa-rade of British music ten's Death in Venice at the weekend. Although infrequently staged it could. I suppose, be considered a classic of our half-century and, as Britten's last opera, either an apotheosis of the composer's imaginative genius, or an indication, pace the character of Gustav von Aschenbach in Thomas Mann's novel, of the artist's waning creative powers. It de-

pends how you hear it. Hearing was, indeed, the only option on Saturday. The endless parade of travellers. strawberry-sellers, gondoliers and godlike children which passes before the eyes of Aschenbach existed only in the mind's eye in this concert performance by the BBC Philharmonic and Yan Pascal Tortelier. The shimmering mirage of life which quivers round Aschenbach's monodrama the gliding figures of Tadzio and his mother, the seaside pentathlon, the balletic children's games - was concentrated entirely within the score, thus refocusing its shortcomings as well as its unique

imaginative invention. As Anthony Rolfe Johnson lived, moved and had his being in every last inflected semitone and nuance of Aschenbach's writing, Tadzio and his attendant gods could almost have been an invention of his own mind - which, to some extent of course, they are. But those tiny musical cells, those exquisite tunings of pitch. tim-JOHN ALLISON ing and register; the sunstruck meeting of harp and piano, the

# Death in Venice - Festival Hall-

the scirocco breath of brushed drum and cymbal: they seemed at times little more than a seductive patina of sonorities.

And Aschenbach's solilo-

quies - Myfanwy Piper's fre-quently arch rendering into direct speech of Mann's infinitesubtle third-person narrative - were too often reduced to irritating verbalising without the visual complement, or distraction, of production. In short, with the comings and goings of all the minor characters, there was too much distraction to allow the imagination to work fully on the dramatic shortfall, and too little distraction to disguise the weaknesses of the work.

Nevertheless, this uneasy compromise could hardly have been better realised. Stefan Janski directed deftly the multifarious exits and entrances of the BBC Singers in all the cameo roles: their cunningly judged movement will doubtless add to the eloquence of the Radio 3 broadcast on May 7. Michael Chance, his countertenor coppery-gold as the Voice of Apollo, and Alan Opie as the Voice of Dionysius, held their debate from opposite boxes, high in the hall. And Opie ton Phil on Decca. as Traveller, Elderly Fop, Old Gondolier, Hotel Manager and Barber was a veritable

one-man-band of characters.

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■ POULENC'S CONCERTO FOR ORGAN, STRINGS AND TIMPANI Reviewed by Chris de Souza

Maurice Duruflé gave the first performance of Poulenc's Or-

gan Concerto; his perform-ance must be regarded as authoritative. But other perform-ers have had to make their own minds up about the work's many subtleties. A good performance will exploit its dichotomy of styles. The opening gesture recalls the opening of Bach's G minor Fantasia and Fugue, but Poulenc subverts it at once with a quieter passage pinned down by an ominous figure on the timps. It sounds Baroque but it isn't. Play it like Baroque music and you get it wrong. George Malcolm attempts to put the Romantic genie back into the Baroque bottle, but is subverted by the Academy of St Martin, who bring every expressive nuance to bear on the

sinuous string writing.
In the first minute Poulence presents us with two antithetical styles — sturdy Baroque pillars of sound contrasted with soft Romantic harmonies. Every performance has to reckon with this split in the work's character. Poulenc marks the first allegro "giocoso". Andre Previn with Simon Preston and the LSO makes it sound like angst-ridden Mahler. Preston's performance is fine, but he's even better with the Bos-

point where Poulenc marks the music "très allant, tres gai". Preston somehow puts the bounce into it. Malcolm's approach at St John's College doesn't mesh with that of the Academy of St Martin. Marie-Claire Alain's performance with the ORTF and Jean Martinon doesn't for me get right inside the music. Durufle's recording with the ORTF and Georges Prêtre has annosphere, though the balance and the overall string sound leave

something to be desired. My choice is Simon Preston - always absolutely faithful to the letter as well as the spirit of

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**ARTS** 

# Time to root out the Nazi plunder

British galleries may unwittingly hold many works looted by Hitler's henchmen. Simon Tait reports on an initiative to see justice done

The Tate acquired T04863, as it is listed Tate acquired the acquisitions list, for £57,000 from dealers in 1986, a year after it was sold at Sotheby's. It is a arge still life by André Derain painted some time between 1938 and 1943, an important ac-

misition because of the size and somhire hature not usually characteristic of Derain. Its provenance was convincingly sound, at east by the lights

Nicholas Serota.

Bur today a question mark hangs over T04863. "We mink it's OK, but now we can't be sure, says the Tate's director, Sir

Even in the 1980s and early 1990s one was less fastidious about what we acquired than one is now."

Nothing is known about its ownership until it appeared at inction. It was not sold through Derain's usual Paris dealer and it is not even clear precisely when it was painted. The doubt, though, is not whether T04863 is by Derain, inusual as it is. The question is a new one, not on the checklist in 1986: was this painting stolen by the Nazis and sold through the Paris art market they controlled during the Oc-

"It's a question we have re-cently learnt has to be asked

about anything we acquire whose history between 1933 and 1945 is not certain," Serota

Between those dates Hitler's henchmen took thousands of works of art from private and sometimes public ownership. Some were kept while many

were sold on, often through the Paris In the dealers, some of them run by Jews who were given "Aryan status" be-1980s we cause of their usewere less fulness. On behalf of the National Museum

fastidious Directors' Conference, Serota has inthan we stigated a massive search through the whole national colare now <sup>3</sup> lection, and with almost military precision the 27 institutions concerned have their ac-

tion plans in place and this week are beginning the exhaustive trawl The Tate will have a comparatively simple task. Its team.

led by the company secretary Sharon Page, will trace the histories of about 600 works, a dozen or so of which, like the Derain, are obscure. But collections such as those at the British Museum and the

V&A will have a much more complicated task, scanning the antecedents of objects from coins to costume to verify that none of the national archive is tainted. Most of the 27 institutions expect to complete the



The picture of integrity: Sharon Page checks the collection in the Tate's stores to make sure that the provenance of all its works can be verified for the years 1933 to 1945

task in six months, though. The search will be guided by a high-powered advisory committee, chaired by a High Court judge, Sir David Neuberger, and including the art dealer Sir Jack Baer, the critic Marina Vaizey, Professor David Cesarani, director of the Institute of Contemporary History, and the former Arts Minis-

ter, Mark Fisher. "I think it's really important that the wider world should be given a feeling that this isn't something that's happening quietly behind closed doors, that there is some form of objective assessment, that musethey can under the public eye,"

says Serota. Himself a scion of a leading British Jewish family, Serota was anxious that, although the chairman is Jewish, there were non-Jewish members of the committee — co-opted by Neuberger, not Serota - to make it clear that the issue is one that does not affect only

The search is not confined to works of art lost to Nazi looting by Jewish owners, however. "It's all works that were confiscated in the period from whomever they were taken. but we know this is a period in ums are doing everything that which confiscation took place

on a fairly massive scale," Serota says. "It's of sufficiently recent date for there to be at least traceable relatives, though of course many people will have died in camps and elsewhere, and we think it's very clearly a period of history that is still of

continuing concern." The art world was alerted that there might be thousands of Nazi-confiscated works of art in national collections at the Nazi Gold conference hosted in London by the Foreign Office at the end of 1997. That was followed up by a conference on stolen art in Washington a year later, for which the national museum directors set up their working party under Serota's chairmanship.

The first inkling the British public might have had of the potential problem was in January when it was announced that Monet in the 20th Century, about to end its recordbreaking run at the Royal Academy, would not include the artist's Water Lilies 1904 when the exhibition came from Boston to London, because a claim on it was lodged while it was in the exhibition.

The picture had been part of a collection put together by Hitler's Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, but was alleged to have been confiscated from the prominent Jewish collector in Paris, Paul Rosenberg. It has been in the trust of the Musées Nationaux de France since 1950. In American law, loaned works of art are indemnified against seizure in a

third country, but there is no

such law in Britain. "What cannot happen under our law is for works to be returned to owners if they have been acquired legally by us, but there could be claims for compensation," says Serota.

"I don't think in any sense this is a sledgehammer to crack a nut. Even if we find a very small number of works. it's very important that this should be seen to be something that does concern the wider community, even if at the end of the day the number of works is very small.

"We're not talking about spending millions of pounds to trace one lost picture that's worth £10,000. We're talking about a group of museum professionals using their expertise to do something which is going to be of value in any event in terms of scholarship, which is tracing the provenance of works in their collections. And we're talking about a group of people, the advisory group, who can bring a wider sensibil ity to bear on this."

# Singalong in search of a cult

7 hy do some deliberately naff, jokily self-parodying musicals end up as cult successes while others get quickly forgotten? The question surfaced last year when Birmingham Rep restaged The Rocky Horror Show at the same time that another piece of camp sci-fi, Saucy Jack and the Space Vixens. came noisily but briefly throbbing and bopping into the West End. And with the transfer of Richard O'Brien's musi-

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cal to the Victoria Palace, and the simultaneous arrival in North London of Escape from Pterodactyl Island, it has to be asked again.

Since we critics are not being asked to review Rocky Horror in London I cannot give a definitive answer; but luck and chronology clearly have much to do with it. When the first Frank N. Furter pranced into the tiny Theatre Upstairs in his fishnet tights, it was 1973 and all that sexual burlesque and social rebelliousness seemed liberating. A jaunty little show became a phenomenon and was revived again and again. Many of the origi-

ne of the actors let slip a rather

endearing look of exhausted re-

lief at the end of Brute Farce's

new version of Mary Shelley's great Goth-

ic shocker. I sympathised — though not. I

the contrary, this production has plenty

going for it, not least four able and excit-ingly physical performances from the

young cast.
The adaptation, by Philip Graham and

Rob Crouch, also has many merits. It is

as faithful to the original as you could ex-

tive forms, and captures much of Shel-

characters are also there, with Shelley

and her circle tacked on at both ends for

But it all adds up to an awful lot for

four people to get through in an hour and

20 minutes. Happily the cast, helped by

graphed direction from Graham and

Crouch, rise enthusiastically to the challenge. Despite the ultra-low-budget set.

Some inventive and resourcefully choreo-

pect. It retains the novel's multiple narra-

ley's compressed urgency and imagina-tive intensity. Most of the multitude of

hasten to add, because it was all over. On



Cutie and the prof. Louisa McCarthy and Paul Thornley

the Victoria Palace, scarlet corsets beneath their greying hair and sagging jowls, to see how Jason Donovan copes with

spoof transvestism. Charm doubtless has something to do with it, and Pteroductyl Island certainly has more of that commodity than Saucy Jack. But I cannot imagine what nerve Peter Morris's libretto would touch, or what need it might fulfil, in cynical nal fans will doubtless be at

old 1999. Is it possible that someone, somewhere will be impressed by its message, which is that scientists should think hard before creating brave new creatures and worlds? Surely that has been amply enough pondered since 1818, which is when Mary Shelley wrote her Frankenstein:

the modern Prometheus. Here, the Prometheus is a Victorian biologist called Devo

He calls them preroductoids, and uses them to catch the people that a nice, convenient tidal wave has swept on to his coast. This crew includes his long-lost daughter, whom he promptly turns into the half-dinosaur, half-human queen of his little paradise, and her fiancé Robert, a professor of something-or-other entrusted with sticking up for the traditional English decencies. There is a lot of enjoyable if repetitive fun at the expense of Paul Thornley's blimpish prof, who is given to uttering period banalities like "I venture we're on some uncharted island" and "judging by the fruits and

who, for reasons never ade-

quately shown, has escaped from Bedlam, found himself

an island, and set about building raggety monsters with black highwayman's masks

and weird magnetic powers.

berries we have collected, I surmise we can survive here for years". But neither that, nor the presence of Louisa McCarthy as a cute aboriginal in leopard-skin bra and hotpants. nor even Michael Jeffrey's always energetic, often catchy music, could reconcile me to a plot that seemed to consist largely of inexplicable escapes and unexplained recaptures. More sophisticated decor might help, but I doubt it. The next cult singalong is likely to start elsewhere.

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# Monster mashed

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they conjure up grisly laboratories, mist-shrouded decks and any number of incidental characters with minimal interruption, a spare economy of characterisation and a break-neck, though always fluent. delivery. Hence the well-earned relief: the Wimbledon Studio Theatre is so small that you can smell the sweat flying off them after a few short scenes.

But this production's ambition is also its limitation. Of course, any stage version of Shelley's text is bound to lose much of the topical satire and moral alle-

gory. Out go the anxieties about the encroachment of evolutionary theory on mankind's self-image. Likewise the central theme of the need for nurture and cooperation in society. The family who tend to the unseen monster, only to cast him off when confronted with his physical appearance, are shunted on and off so quickly that you miss the vital message — that this artificial but essentially natural man has far more humanity than the ostensibly civilised society which makes him

what he becomes. Instead, we are left with a simple story of a hubristic creator haunted to destruction by his creation. Even so, if you do not know the original, the many elisions will soon leave you losing the plot. Four ac-tors, however versatile, just cannot flesh out all this material in such a short time. But the production zips along with so much focused energy that you hardly have time to notice its faults. The result is unavoidably muddled, but nevertheless thoroughly invigorating.

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FESTIVALS: Rodney Milnes finds a maestro playing politics in Berlin; plus the best of Cheltenham

# Barenboim's power parade

rtistic politics in Berlin are a minefield, and at times you feel that more importance is attached to them than to the art itself. Both halves of the long-divided city, soon to become Germany's capital once more, were showcases for their respective regimes, with their own lavishly subsidised cultural flagships. Ten years after reunification that duality still sur-

There are two equivalents to our Royal Opera: the State Opera in the east, the Deutsche Oper in the west. There are the Berlin Philharmonic (west) and the Staatskapelle (east). These are only the leading players there are innumerable other bands and companies - and the sense of rivalry is reminiscent of the days when

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Goering and Goebbels squabbled over cultural hegemony in Berlin. You can argue over whether rationalisation is strictly necessary - the organisations are well supported at the box office — but if and when it comes it will not be achieved without the breaking of heads, and you feel that everything that happens in the city is as much jockeying for position as

Daniel Barenboim, in charge of the State Opera and the Staatskapelle (which, as in Vienna, also plavs for the opera), is without doubt a key player. After being ousted from Mitterrand's Bastille Opéra before he even started, he was welcomed as a big name to a similar position of power in Berlin. Among his initiatives has been the Berlin Festtage, founded in 1996, a ten-day spring festival of high-octane music-making promoted by the State Opera itself with neither encouragement nor extra money

from the city Senate. Programmes are themed and come in harness with serious seminars - this year the subject was nationalism in music, with performances of Tannhauser and Lohengrin making their own creepy contribution. Barenboim's closing concert examined some acceptable and less acceptable faces of German music: excerpts from Fidelio and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Schoenberg's Survivor from Warsaw and one of the nastier moments from Lohengrin. Hearing the latter chunk of fascismin-music twice in 24 hours was almost more than I could take. Other impressions from the sec-

izzy Gillespie had an old gag that went: "Ladies and gentlemen, before we go any further. I'd just like to introduce the band," whereupon he introduced the band members to one another. Today's internaimpressively represented this year than ever at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival. has a different strategy: a monumental opening number with solos all round becomes a kind of hand-

When the company is pleasant and the guests have something to say, this convivial habit works rather well. Chick Corea's Origin, for example, is built round an acoustic sextet originally led by the bassist Av-

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shake with the audience.



ond weekend? Barenboim's energy is simply phenomenal: the only other conductor in the festival, for a concert of Schoenberg's Moses und Aron and an absolutely stunning Lied von der Erde, was Pierre Boulez; the Mahler. wonderfully sung by Jon Villars and Roman Trekel, was the high point of the visit. This is no putdown of Barenboim: it is just that his opera performances have competition from the stage, and his concert with his other orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, devoted to three early Strauss tone poems, proved somewhat indigestible. The overwhelming impression was that the Staatskapelle is a superb orchestra, to be spoken of in the same breath as their colleagues elsewhere in Berlin, in Dresden and Vienna. Among the Festtage projects is a

Wagner cycle, to be completed in 2002. Hearing this orchestra playing the music in the Staatsoper Unter den Linden, definitely Berlin's showcase opera house, is indeed an inviting prospect. And having the same production team — the director Harry Kupfer and set designer Hans Schavernoch — for the whole cycle is also fine, in principle. But this year's new Tannhauser and revival of Lohengrin had a curiously old-fashioned feel. Kupfer shocked us all to the core back in the 1970s, but today seems merely cold and efficient, and as for Schavernoch's taste for blackand-white colour schemes, PVC curtains and translucent plastic walls well, been there, done that. Lohengrin, which Kupfer is reput-

ed to loathe (in witch case why direct it?), w' ... wr': "-off, engaging in none of the weas thrown up by the work. It just turned out to be "Elsa's dream". Oh, please. At least Tannhäuser had some colourful costumes by Buki Shiff, and Kupfer's depiction of

donically, even wittily, turned the proscenium arch into a mirror. The title role was sung by Robert Gambill. The American tenor proved an inspired choice: his voice has grown, but it retains its steadiness, musicality and lyricism, and he is a superb actor. Casting in both operas was at a luxury level: Waltraud Meier a knockout as Venus and Ortrud, Angela Denoke a radiant, secure Elisabeth, René Pape as the King in Lohengrin.

he Festtage has no trouble attracting audiences. Up to a quarter are said to come from outside Germany, and that may be a modest estimate: you have to listen quite hard to hear German spoken in the intervals. More jockeying for position. And one reason for holding the festival at Easter

into the Philharmonie. I had hitherto been protected from this preposterous building (all right, the acoustics are fabulous), a concert hall in the round in which the focus of attention of more than 2,000 spectators is concentrated on one figure at its hotspor centre, an unfortunate connotation in this particular city. Yes, it was built for Herbert von Karajan, and as in the case of that other impossibly megalomaniac Karajan building, the Grosses Festspielhaus in Salzburg, the only thing to do is pull it down and start again.

Does Europe need a new Karajan figure? If so, I suppose Barenboim could fit the bill. He has the energy. the determination, the political clout. He is on the shortlist for the Berlin Philharmonic and for Bayreuth. He could do it. I just wish he wouldn't. It is time to move on.

> ing statement of the festival came from another small group, Dave Douglas's Tiny the entire drum tradition, inside and outside jazz, into a fluid and exciting style of his

Set

# No introductions necessary I suspect Chico Freeman's

ishai Cohen. This was a tightknit band playing challenging material even before Corea got tional jazz community, more involved. Add his compositional skill, keyboard brilliance and deft presentation, and their 35-minute opener, Double Image, didn't seem a moment too long. The band thrives on a polyrhythmic complexity provided by Corea and drummer Jeff Ballard, with Cohen hitting and strumming his bass from time to time to add to the rhythmic density.

Whereas the musical conversation of Corea's band sparkled, the opening dialogue be-

tween Polish pianist Leszek Mozdzer and saxophonist Adam Pieronczyk, making their UK debut, was harder work. It was 25 minutes into the opening piece, by which time several of the audience had shuffled away, that a magical transformation took place. Instead of their rather earnest free-form introduction, they were suddenly playing gently and interestingly in unison. Their new compositions which

opening number would have been longer than anyone else's if his set had not been delayed by some missing instruments. Perhaps they were hidden deliberately," muttered someone behind me, as the saxophonist's Latin band Guataca launched into its brash set. In Freeman's previous Cheltenham appearances, he has been a paragon of tasteful, witty, and complex modern tenor playing. But now he strutted on stage in a daffodil yellow suit, honking, trilling, and followed got better and better. swaying in front of an arsenal

of percussion, and the muscular piano of Hilton Ruiz. The band that followed on

the main stage showed just how effectively it is possible to entertain, yet retain the highest musical standards. Joe Lovano broke his trio's opening handshake into three sections, each of which displayed a different aspect of the group. They played with and for one another, Idris Muhammed's powerful drums dropping to the quietest shiver behind Cameron Brown's articulate and full-toned bass. The most individual open-

Bell Trio. Drummer Jim Black combines allusions to own. He is the perfect counterfoil for Douglas. With the guitarist Brad Shepik they tore in and out of Schumann, jazz ballads, Balkan folk tunes and originals with verve and humour. The audience rewarded them with riotous applause and spontaneous laughter the kind of reaction that enlivens not just the handshake. but the entire conversation that follows.

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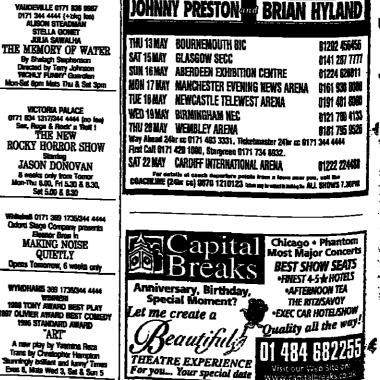
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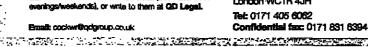
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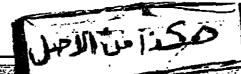
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# Cybercrime: policing the Internet

The Net is causing huge global problems says Frances Gibb, below. So far, the US has only tackled this crime nationally, says Steven Philippsohn, and music fraud on the Web is rising, says Tony Morris

☐ Internet crime in America over the past year is said to have jumped by 600 per cent and lawyers are predicting a similar trend for Britain. They want government action against cyberfraud, particularly to protect consumers when they trade

Tim Anderson, a partner with Reynolds Porter Chamberlain, says that the Government's proposed e-commerce Bill should be used to introduce such safeguards. At present, the consultation paper, entitled Building Confidence Fin Electronic Commerce, does not contain enough practical suggestions for improving consumer sconfidence. Mr Anderson believes that the Government needs to act pre-emptively. The National Fraud Information Centre's list of leading Internet crimes includes web auctions fitems bid for but never delivered); charges for services thought to be free; empty promises of business opportunities or franchises; false promises of credit cards to people with bad credit histories; and phoney job agencies wanting fees to match people to jobs. Other cons range from bogus investments and false vacation offers to

But as lawyers grapple with cybercrime, they are also keen to use the Net. Geoff Hoon, Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, at a recent conference on cyberspace pointed to a coming technological revolution in the justice system: a prisoner in the dock might appear on a video screen, dusty legal tomes would cease to exist as all information went on to the Internet and people could get free legal advice via TV access to the Net. Every part of the system would be linked via the Net and citizens would have direct access to Government and to the courts.

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FRANCES GIBB Caught in the Net: David L. Smith, a New Jersey computer hacker, was charged with spreading the Melissa e-mail virus

### Combating music piracy

room equipped with a PC, modern and alburn collection may now illegally disseminate CD-quality sound around the world at the push of a button.

New technologies have made the storing and downloading of music over the Internet much easier - particularly so-called MP3 technology which compresses sound files

Technology is providing some solutions. In America the first mechanical licence has been granted for the online sales of MP3 music which contemplates using embedded licensing numbers in musical works downloaded from a licensee's website. Consumers will then know that the music has been properly licensed and European collecting societies are likely to follow.

The challenge lies with the legislators. The proposal for an EU Copyright Directive, Copyright and Related Rights in the Information Society, places emphasis on new products and services containing intellectual property, both online and on physical carriers such as CDs and digital video discs (DVDs).

The aim is to "harmonise aspects of copyright law and related rights and adjust and complement existing legal framework". Specifically, it focuses on harmonising rules on the right of reproduction; communicating to the public right (including making protected material available on demand over the Net); the distribution right and the legal protection of anti-copying and rights management sys-

The directive was first debated at the European Parliament in February. The In-ternational Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), among others, lobbied for the inclusion of more than 300 amendments. Several key amend-ments were adopted and the Parliament's opinion was welcomed by the IFPI as giving "a resounding signal of support to artists and musicians by voting for a strong copyright directive".

While the proposed EU Directive focuses on harmonising and tweaking existing law, the Government's 1998 Green Paper on Com-bating Counterfeiting and Piracy has a broader aim: to determine the economic impact of counterfeiting and piracy, assess how effective are existing laws and make recommendations. Among initiatives suggested are EU support for monitoring of the problems at community level, legal protection of technical devices to trace illegal use back to its source and ensuring consistent enforcement of intellectual property rights throughout mem-

ast month EU Commissioners heard submissions from interested parties. Many of the Green Paper's initiatives were welcomed. The Commission will consult further then publish recommenda-

Ultimately, the consumer should benefit from authorised material being widely available and the continued stream of investment in new artists that will preserve a wide choice of music.

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## Reality of progress bites

he crippling effects of cybercrime were felt this month as Melissa. an electronic mail virus, spread around the world. Last week an FBI cybercrime unit arrested David L. Smith, an American said to have caused such damage that the US military and companies throughout the country had to shut down e-mail systems. The virus is just one example of a new growth indus-try. Internet crime is expanding rapidly to encompass everything from child pornography to fraud.

The Net is global but law enforcement is national so states are struggling to police it. International co-operation is essential if, paradoxically, the infringement of national liberties and jurisdictions is to be

The Net's potential dangers have also arisen in a US court case in Portland, Oregon, that considered the murder of docfors by anti-abortion extremists, after the posting on the Net of the names and addresses of those who perform abortions. The jury awarded \$107 million in damages against the website, but it is worth considering the real extent to which any one jurisdiction can control Net crime.

Concern is growing that legislation now being enacted in America could have a global impact. It purports to have no jurisdic-tional limits and imposes criminal sanctions. It is the US reaction to the problem of Net crime, a national attempt at an in-ternational problem which it can only come close to solving by attempting to abrogate to itself international powers with-but international recognition.

In Europe the focus has been on combating the use of the Net for the distribution of child pornography. But soon more attention must turn to fighting other cybercrime. The current view is that what is illegal offline is illegal online but policing the Net is not a natural progression from norsmugglers a more secure means to dis-cuss details of their shipments while the growth of e-commerce and e-money prorides great potential for money laundering. Hackers can break into and threaten of destroy the systems of commercial en-



Senator Kyl: ban on "virtual casinos"

#### Europe must work together or risk losing control to high-tech criminals

terprises to extort money and indeed such extortion of major London financial institutions has been reported. The nightmare of terrorists hacking into government and defence computer networks could soon be-

come reality. European states must address the technical difficulties of detecting cybercrime and problems of jurisdiction. Senator Jon Kyl, a Republican from Arizona, is proposing to regulate Net gaming by criminalis-ing "virtual casinos" and those who use

Enforcing laws against virtual casinos and other websites used in cybercrime is tricky. Websites can be set up or dismantled overnight in any part of the world,

and it is easy to access them. The proposed US legislation would impose criminal sanctions on foreign companies and nationals whose gaming web-

sites are accessible by American citizens. If such legislation is adopted, the possibility of unwittingly committing a crime on the other side of the world could lead to websites having to be checked for con-formity with the laws of every state in

which they are accessible. In general the European approach has been towards co-operation. The EU endorsed an action plan in June 1997 that urged action "to address the abuse of new technologies, including the Internet". The Commission adopted a Green Paper in 1996 that provided guidelines for self-regulation by Internet service providers (ISPs). and self-regulation has been the preferred approach of many European states.

As for illegal website materials in Brit-ain, the Internet Watch Foundation recommends regulation by reporting such material, rating it and apportioning re-sponsibility between ISPs, the police and

There is no common European policy on how to tackle cybercrime, partly because of cultural diversity. Comparisons can be drawn with the US where there have been conflicting judgments. In Bos-ton a judge upheld a federal law prohibiting possession of computer images of child pornography, yet in Philadelphia a judge ruled that a law prohibiting children accessing porn via the Web was incompatible with the right of free speech.

However, some co-operation has devel-oped in policing the Net. Last September the Office of Fair Trading reported its part in an operation by 20 countries to tackle websites responsible for potentially misleading health claims.

UK police have also been involved in operations to bust international paedophile rings that use the Net to transfer pictures and information.

To regulate the Net, more international co-operation is vital. While the US is looking to regulate unilaterally, the European states must work together or risk losing control to high-tech criminals.

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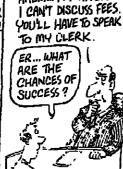
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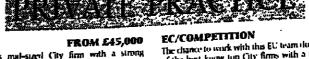
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Uncertain future: for months Habib Tejan, and his two-year-old son Habib, have been waiting for Bridget Seisay to be released from a Belgian jail

## No bail for this boy's mother

ne Saturday in November last year, Bridget Seisay, a 30-year-old cashier from South London, set out for a weekend break as guest of an ambassa-dor in Bonn, while Habib Tejan, her partner, stayed behind in their Southwark home to mind their two-year-old son. Ms Seisay has yet to return because she is imprisoned in Brussels.

Her family has been plunged into crisis: the child has been referred for specialist assessment after exhibiting signs of extreme disturbance at nursery school and Tejan has lost his job. Ms Seisay's case points to the need for a Eurobail system so that "foreign" EU citizens are not automatically remanded in custody while awaiting trial. If Ms Seisay had been Belgian, she would have been home within

24 hours. The case against her is bizarre. She had bought an air ticket to Germany but travelled home to London by Eurostar with a young woman she had met while staying at the embassy. At the Eurostar entrance in Brussels, the immigration authorities stopped her companion for travelling on a false British passport and since the two women

The plight of an EU citizen trapped in a Belgian jail highlights the need for a Eurobail system, writes Stephen Jakobi

were travelling together, arrested Ms Seisay. Her cousin, Umaru Wurie, the Sierra Leone Ambassador to Ger-many, had bought her a Eurostar ticket as a grand gesture so that the two women could travel together.

Perhaps scepticism was initially justified, but when the Ambassador wrote to confirm Ms Seisay's story, that should have been the end of it. Mr Wurie claims that if he had been a white ambassador, she would have been released. The other woman was released and given asylum in Belgium.

As things developed, the prosecution and more than one examining magistrate used the letter as evidence to suggest she was somehow involved in a prostitution racket and that Ms Seisay was his willing accomplice. She was charged with trafficking in human beings and will hear her fate next week. A workable Eurobail system has

been devised and is attracting growing support. The examining magistrate, or his equivalent, would determine whether the offence was "ballable" in the defendant's country and, if so, send the prisoner back to his or her land after registering his court's interest with the justice department of the accused's native country. It would then be the responsibility of the accused's native law enforcement officials to ensure that the accused was delivered to the trying jurisdiction on reasonable notice that he

was required for any judicial purpose. The powers to vary conditions or rescind bail would, between release for bail purposes and a recall requirement, be vested in the accused's native courts. Those concerned about costs of transfer should be reminded that the annual direct cost of keeping someone in custody is at least £20,000 and if the charges concern the breadwinner,

there are also family support costs. Eurobail and other problems of transnational defence have achieved centre-stage over the past few weeks, largely because of concerns over fraud on the Community. The Corpus Juris project, a proposal for the creation of a new crime of "fraud on the Community" and the creation of a European public prosecutors' office to prosecute it, posed civil liberty problems because

most of the accused were likely to be facing trial in a foreign country. A House of Lords committee consid-ering the feasibility of Corpus Juris has taken oral evidence on these problems and is due to issue its report next month. A European Parliament conference on the theme "Liberty, Security and Justice", held last month, achieved broad support for the idea in one of its

It is now likely that when the heads of government convene in Tampere, Finland, in October to consider the question of securing justice for the citizens of the EU, one of the more important measures before the Council of Ministers will be a Eurobail proposal. • The author is director of Fair Trials

## Why magistrates are a mixed bunch

Being a JP is no longer elitist, says Paula Davies

The public image of the JP is still that of the middle aged, middle-class dogooder. The recent advertising drive by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg. to attract a broader cross-section of people into the magistracy echoes a similar campaign in 1985. Has nothing changed?

I applied to be a JP in the mid-Seventies and was astounded when appointed. Not only was I a journalist but, according to friends, far too direct. I had visions of sitting among the behatted ladies or blimpish colonels who had nothing better to do. "I have absolutely no desire to sit in judgment," I told the friend who had urged me to apply. So who are the 30,000 men and women who decide 90 per cent of the criminal cases in England and Wales each year? We are a mixed hag of people including factory and of-fice workers, bus and taxi drivers and self-employed business people. I applied to join the Adult Court but was told to apply to the Juvenile - now Youth - section because there was a shortage of such justices. I was asked why, given that I was young and had children, I had not applied to the juvenile court. My reply was that because I had children, I might be unable to see the wood for the trees and might be biased against the little horrors. The end, I thought, of my application. But I was wrong.
The Lord Chancellor's advisory commit-

tees, which sift the applications, look at aspects such as age, sex and occupation to achieve a mix on the bench. Lord Irvine caused something of a stir when he arrived in office and said he wanted more Labourvoting JPs. Instead, he insists he wants a broader mix of backgrounds.

Magistrates were always asked their politi-

cal affiliations, although one does not have to answer. The main difficulty today is persuading employers to give people time off for this unpaid job. I was fortunate in that my newspaper editor said: "Carry on. Nobody ever learnt anything sitting on their backside in a newspaper office."

So what does it take to be a magistrate? Here I quote from a remarkable man who was one of the best Chief Metropolitan Mag-istrates, the late Sir David Hopkin. "Patience is a prime requirement," he once told me. "You have to sit and listen. Then you have to have the ability to realise what facts are important and be able to sift them. And you have to be able to recognise and control your own prejudices. When it comes to sentencing, humanity is vital but you have to match that with the public interest. It's no

good whacking someone for a large fine when he's on supplementary benefit."

Today more stipendiaries like Sir David are being used in the courts to speed up justice. Yet he was a lawyer who believed strongly in the lay justice system. "Lay people," he said, "bring their own knowledge and experience to the courts and, by being included in the judicial process, they understand how it works."

There are fewer complaints against the decisions of JPs than against those in the superior courts. Yes, we do get appealed against but I always remember another piece of advice - "Be robust, they can always appeal." Perhaps that should be added to the qualities necessary for a magistrate which, for me. are a just mind, a fair outlook, understanding and imagination.

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Bainbridge: I like the crime

OLGA BAINBRIDGE, 54, is a retired nurse and sits as a JP at Sedgfield, Co. Durham. She decided to try for the bench when her children were teenagers: "I wanted to feel more a part of the community." Mrs Bainbridge had been interested in the judiciary since visiting a court as part of a group of student nurses. After discussing it with a JP friend of her husband's, she sat in on a few more courts and decided to apply. The interview, with a large committee, was daunting: They asked me how I'd regard sheep rustling, which was a bit difficult being a town person. I said that in a rural area I thought the penalties would have to be quite strict."

That was ten years ago. Now she is deputy chairman of the family panel. "I like the crime but I love the family work. although there's a lot of trauma, particularly in care cases. And it's no different from when as a nurse I'd care for a terminally ill child. You get upset but you put it behind you." She would like to see more blue-collar JPs. "We need more ordinary working men and women as well as disabled — the Lord Chancellor has appointed six blind JPs and

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# London flies the Stars and Stripes

US firms see the capital as a way into Europe, says Edward Fennell

he number of American law firms in London has grown hugely in the past five years. Spurred on by the importance of London as a financial centre, many of the firms over here since the Seventies have blossomed. At the same time, more American lawyers have arrived in town to carve out territory for themselves.

Major firms such as Weil Gotshal & Manges have been created virtually overnight through a judicious mix of core American partners and big-name British lawyers hired at high salaries from blue-chip firms.

Put it together and you have a multilayered picture of firms big and small, some thorough-ly Anglophile, others distinctly expat. The lesson is that not all US law firms are alike.

Take Sidley & Austin, a firm with its roots in the Midwest but a longstanding foothold in London. In the Eighties it had a handful of lawyers tucked up in a cosy suite of offices.

The picture now is very different it has 63 lawyers and occupies level after level of high-tech office space overlook-ing the Stock Exchange. But 60 of those 63 lawyers are UKqualified, most have come from the leading English firms and the ambience of the office is British. (That contrasts, for example, with Freshfields's complement of more than 20 American lawyers in its London office.)

Yet according to Sidley & Austin's Mark Pinder, who leads the corporate group, the firm is definitely a part of the American legal community. Confusing? It is — but only if you ignore the globalisation taking place in legal services. Firms such as Sidley & Austin, White & Case, Jones Day, and Coudert Brothers reflect the boom in the new breed of international law firm. The UK has its own players, such as Clifford Chance, Freshfields, Link-

laters and Allen & Overy. London has become the pivotal centre outside New York for banking, corporate finance the crucial telecommunications sector. To

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back up any claims to be inter-national. US law firms must have a prominent London office. There are said to be more than 100 American law firms in the capital. Take out those that are present for letterhead purposes only and that means about 40 functioning offices and maybe a score with big numbers of lawyers. Those 20 or so represent a roll call of the most important US firms, from Wall Street and the other leading financial and business centres. Firms such as Sullivan & Cromwell, Skadden Arps, Shearman & Sterling, O'Melveney & Myers, Mayer Brown & Platt, Jones Day and White & Case are high-powered firms with successful international operations.

any will claim to be world leaders in specific fields. Sullivan Cromwell, for example, is probably one of the top three mergers and acquisitions practitioners in the world and has recently been counsel to BP in its takeover of Amoco, Vodaphone in the deal with Air-Touch and Olivetti in the link-

up with Telecom Italia. But though many US firms are busy "going native", Sulli-van & Cromwell is Stars and Stripes to the core. Often compared to Slaughter & May, the firm is old-school Wall Street, bringing its American expertise and approach to a grateful list of blue-chip clients.

Financial services largely remains the raison d'être, but this is being increasingly matched by the use of London as a gateway to Europe.

Many details, however, will be shaped by the firm's American client base. More than 50 per cent of Coudert Brothers' work is corporate, and much of it, says Jones Day's Keith Featherstone, for European subsidiaries of the firm's traditional manufacturing client base in Cleveland. John Bellhouse, of White &

Case, predicts "substantial growth" over the next five years. In a business world with few frontiers, the competition has just become much stiffer.



US partners want those who have trained with a Top 20 firm and make big investments in their London businesses

#### FIRMS LEADING THE AMERICAN WAY

The leading American law firms in London include Akin. Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld; Cravath, Swaine & Moore Coudert Brothers: Jones Day, Reavis & Pogue Latham & Watkins, LeBoeuf, Lamb. Greene & MacRae, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, C'Melveney & Myers LLP; Rogers & Wells: Shearman & Sierling Sidley & Austin;

Sullivan & Cromwell; Weil, Gotshal & Manges; White & Case



There are said to be more than 100 American law firms in the capital

Risk-takers win high salaries, but only top performers need apply

big salary is proving to be one of the best weapons in the armoury of American firms as they build their presences in London. As the ZMB advert today for an unnamed client illustrates, seven-figure salaries are seen as realistic prospects for senior partners who can make good contributions to the development of the business.

Even at junior levels, lawyers expect to earn more with US firms. Three-year qualified solicitors are said to earn £60,000-plus with many firms, Edward Fennell writes. But these generous packag-

es do not come without strings. To qualify for the million-plus reward, you will be expected either to bring with you business worth between £3 to £5 million a year or to build up to that very quickly.

The US partners are prepared to make big investments in their budding London businesses and, initially, to carry new recruits. The fairly high casualty rate in some firms reflects the fact that the high expectations on both sides cannot always be realised.

None of this detracts from the importance of the US firms as a source of career opportunity for solicitors at all stages in their careers. A key development in the past year has been the interest of the US firms in taking on trainees. Jones Day, for example, has just had its first trainee qualify and is li-censed to take five a year. White & Case has ten trainees and Sidley & Austin 12.

The leading American firms say that they can offer highquality work in a smaller environment, with the opportunity of greater direct involvement than in their UK equivalents. Inevitably, however, the bulk of recruitment is at assistant or, as the Americans put it, associate level. Though some appointments are made through personal contacts or by people writing in with CVs (White & Case receives more than a dozen unsolicited applications every week), the US firms are now sufficiently part of the mainstream to make use of the usual big-name agencies such as

Quarry Dougall, Lipson Lloyd Jones and Kelly Field. Senior partners such as Philip Burroughs at Coudert Brothers have spent much time with the agencies briefing them on the types of recruit they want.

But having a good legal brain is not enough. In most cases the Americans want people who have trained with a Top 20 firm or a leading niche practice and who have a higher than average level of selfconfidence. As Martin Rowley, a Jones Day associate, puts it: "Because our teams are small, you have to take on more responsibility and have greater client contact than in an equivalent large UK firm. You need to have the self-assurance to handle that but also to be willing to ask when you don't know something."

The point on which every US firm agrees is that they seek the adventurous risk-taker who can fit into a wider social group than is usually represented by top London firms.

There are some risks attached to joining an American firm. So if you appear to be on track to a partnership in a British firm should you make the move to a US outfit? There may be attractions in doing a wider range of international work and the financial incentives may be enticing. Certainly, the management of the US firms say that they recruit every associate with a view to their becoming partners.

election methods in US firms for partnership are thorough and will involve scrutiny by American partners. In these early days they may err on the side of caution, especially given the number of associates they have recruited,

There is a danger that some British lawyers may not make the grade and then feel obliged to resume the partnershiphunt at a lower level elsewhere.

The experience of working for a US firm may look good on a CV but, as everyone points out, there is a price to pay for giving one's allegiance to the Stars and Stripes.

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FROM KEVIN EASON IN SÃO PAULO

DAMON HILL needs no reminder of the worst days of his motor racing life, yet he must believe that his ghost has returned to haunt him. Becoming world champion in 1996 did not save him from being fired from the Williams team.

to be replaced by Heinz-Harald Frentzen. Now Frentzen is his team-mate at Jordan and again it is the German who is

Hill has failed to finish the first two races of a season in which he is supposed to have title aspirations, while Frentzen has gone on to impressive podium finishes. Those per-formances — second place in Australia and third in Brazil on Sunday - have more than repaid the faith of Eddie Jordan in a driver who joined the team only because he. too, was out of his job at Williams.

Frentzen will not criticise Sir

Frank Williams, but it is clear

that the austere atmosphere of

the most successful team of

recent times overawed him. Being partnered with the brash and confident Jacques Villeneuve probably did not help instil self-belief into a slightly introverted driver with a wry sense of humour.

However, he is thriving at Jordan. The family atmosphere

suits him and Eddie Jordan,

the team owner, is prepared to

spend time with his driver to en-

courage him to flourish. The

therapy is working.
"He wasn't a bad choice,

when you consider he was a

Williams reject," Jordan said

yesterday. "Since he stepped into the 1999 Jordan, he has

been terrific. He hasn't put a

foot wrong. People criticised

us for taking on Frentzen, but,

in hindsight, he was the

perfect guy for us.
"We have tried to sign
Heinz-Harald three times

since he was with us in 1990 in

Formula 3000 and I believe we

haven't seen the best of him

Which means that Jordan

will have to turn his attention

to Hill, 38. who has suffered

appalling luck, first when he as shunted off the track in

Melbourne and then, on Sunday, colliding with the Benet-

ton of Alexander Wurz. It will

be of little comfort to Hill that

Jordan attaches no blame to

his driver for either incident,

stealing Hill's thunder.

in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an application by Emel Bostanci for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of

asylum applicant where a Home

Office interpreter was present, an

ium applicant had no right to be

Mr Justice Scott Baker so held

immigration officer's discretion.

### **Security for costs**

Greenwich Ltd v National Westminster Bank plc and The court had jurisdiction under

Order 23, rule 1(1)(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which was concerned with plaintiffs ordinarily resident out of the jurisdiction, to order a plaintiff which was incorporated and resident in the Isle of Man to give security for costs.

in the Chancery Division on March 31, when ordering the plain-

tiff. Greenwich Ltd to pay to the

the sum of £120,000. HIS LORDSHIP said that the court might order a plaintiff to give security for costs if, having regard to all the circumstances of the case. the court thought it just. It was not the case that security could only be ordered under Order 23, rule 1(1)(a)

first defendant, National Westminster Bank plc security for costs in

if the requirements of section 726 of

tice, an interpreter from the Home Office was present. The Immigration Service denied the applicant access to the interview which proceeded in her absence.

vent him from being misunder-stood during the interview.

In accordance with usual prac-

The applicant and her sister were subsequently subjected to a ban from carrying out their work at Stansted, which was lifted on January 29, 1998. Following a request by the applicant the Home Secretary stated that grounds of

the ban were confidential. On February 27, 1998 the Home Secretary stated that the ban was in place because it was thought to be inappropriate for the applicant and her sister to have access to incoming passengers because their father was a politician.

In R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Lawn ([1994] Imm AR 58) it was held that there was no right to legal representation during an asylum interview and that an immigration officer had a discretion to permit a representative to be present, which

had to be properly exercised. His Lordship said that just as there was no legal right to a legal representative, so too it must follow that there was no absolute right for an interpreter to assist the legal representative or applicant at an asylum interview where a Home Office interpreter was

Whether the interpreter was allowed to attend was a matter of discretion of the Immigration Officer. and that discretion was of a broad nature to be exercised reasonably and not irrationally: see Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Vednesbury Corporation (1948) 1 KB 220.

The reason for exclusion was primarily that the father was a well known Turkish political activist resident in the UK, and in the open plan immigration area of Stansted the applicant could come into contact with other asylum seekers from Turkey or Cyprus fleeing the political organisation of her fa-

However, there was nothing to suggest anything against the appli-cant by way of political back-ground, activity or anything else and the only basis of objection was that she was her father's daughter. There was no evidence to indicate the closeness between them or that the applicant purveyed the views of

her father. Accordingly, the decision of the respondent to exclude the applicant in the exercise of his discretion was unreasonable and irrational in the Wednesbury sense and was therefore unlawful.

Solicitors: Howe & Co. Ealing: Treasury Solicitor.

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RACING AHEAD **Andy Stephens** suggests the best value

in the ante-post market STAKIS CASINOS SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL Ayr, April 17 **GUIDE TO THE PRICES** 

Hollybank Buck Fall Of Oats

The Scottish Grand National, which will be run at Ayr on Saturday, has been a wretched race for punters in recent years (since 1990 sin winners have started at 16-1 or bigger) but that is unlikely to prevent Young Kenny- one of 18 horses left in at yesterday's five-day declarations stage- from starting one of the strongest fancies since Red Rum obliged at 11-8 in 1974.

Young Kenny- a thorough stager at home in the mud, will start a worthy favouring after his emphasic wins in the Greenalts Grand National That and Midlands Grand National (Erder Chase winner Hodyback Daud was back in third) bits the combination of topweight, his recent learn nodes and expedient hearing foliag greens he is opposable.

PRIME EXAMPLE: available at 12-1 with Coral, looks a solid each way afternative. The March. Rodhybackbride eight-gran-old has thrived shoot being unleading on extracting distances in his beet three races and completed a hat race of vicinities in disclayers after on the handcapper has probably introduced stage for granding hat has a latest start over our rifles at global testing of maning had not the fact that he is languishing 10th and of the flanguishing that an interfact that he is languishing 10th and of the flanguishing to the misleading. Moreover, he are accounted a flanguishing the flanguishing

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## Brother was constructive trustee 'Instrument' does not mean vessel

James v Williams

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President. Lord Justice Swinton-Thomas and Lord Justice Aldous

Judgment March 8 A beneficiary under an intestacy who had sought to establish title by behaving as if he were the sole owner could be deemed to be a constructive trustee of the estate for his siblings even though he had not taken out letters of administration so that section 15(1) of the Limitation Act 1980 did not operate to time-bar an action for the recovery of an inter-

est in the land. The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mary James, against the order of Judge Anthony Thompson, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division at Truro District Registry, Cornwall on Octo-ber 30, 1997 when he held that the plaintiff's claim to a third share of the family property known as Rose

barred under section 15(1) of the The appeal was allowed on the grounds, inter alia, that the judge ad erred in failing to decide on the facts that the plaintiff's brother was a constructive trustee of the

property so that by virtue of section

21(1)(b) of the Limitation Act 1980 sued an originating summons Mr Hugh Parker for the plain-

particularly as Hill confronts

the fact that he is lagging be-

hind a team-mate in the points table for the first time in his ca-

reer since he partnered Alain

However, Frentzen believes

that Hill will break his run of

luck and could get into the

points at the next race, the San

Marino Grand Prix, at Imola

in three weeks' time. "I know

things did not work out for me

at Williams, but I learnt a lot," he said. "I am comfortable at

Jordan and with Damon and

he will bounce back. Damon

will be very competitive when

The disparity in fortunes be-

tween team-mates is evident

all over the grid. While Mika

Hakkinen was cruising to vic-

tory. David Coulthard was sit-

ting beside his expired McLaren-Mercedes contem-

plating a start to his world

championship campaign that

could not have been worse:

there have been two races and

Worse still was the frighten-

he has failed to finish both.

he gets some luck."

Prost in 1993.

sual. The plaintiff believed that Rose Cottage was rented although her father had in fact bought the

mained living in Rose Cottage throughout while she, after her marriage in 1951, had been effechome and made to feel unwelcom death in 1972 the brother had be-

questions had been asked.

to him, even to the extent of taking out a £7,000 mortgage on it in 1986.

brother's death in 1993 Rose Cot-

it to her daughter, the defendant. That same year, having realised

tiff; Mr David Ainger for the de-

tively excluded from the family haved as if the property belonged

tage passed under his will to the sis-

no period of limitation applied.

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that the facts of the case were unuproperty in 1953. Her parents had died intestate, the father in 1971

and the mother in 1972. Her brother and sister had re-From the time of the mother's

As his name was the same as that of his father on the title deeds no Neither the brother nor the sister had ever married and on the

ter. When she died in 1995, she left

made on September 5, 1997 not to

allow her access to an immigration

interview and subsequently not to

admit her as an interpreter to any

Mr Mark Henderson for the ap-

MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER

On August 5, 1997 the applicant

went to Stansted Airport with a le-

gal clerk to act as an interpreter on

behalf of an asylum seeker during

plicant: Mr Sam Grodzinski for

said that the applicant and her sis-ter were freelance legal interpret-

ers in the Turkish language.

interviews at Stansted Airport un-

til January 29, 1998.

the Home Secretary.

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claiming that on her mother's intes tacy she was entitled to a third share in the property. The judge held that, as the broth-er could not be deemed a construc-

Frentzen unwinds after suffering mechanical trouble on the last lap in Brazil, yet still he finished in third place

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ing moment when his car

stalled on the starting grid as he struggled to find first gear

and an avalanche of cars

swept past him. "It was pretty hairy." he said. "When you

have got 20 cars coming at you

at that sort of speed, you just

hope that they all see you in

time. I just sat there waiting

for the impact and thank good-

At Williams, Ralf Schuma-

cher has been in the points

RESULT: 1, M Haldonen (Fin, McLeren)
thr 36min (3,785sec; 2, M Schurracher
(Ger, Ferrari) at 4,9sec; 3, H H Frentzen
(Ger, Jorden) one lep; 4, R Schurracher
(Ger, Williams) one lep; 5, E Irvine (Ire,
Ferrari) one lap; 6, O Panis (Fr, Prost)
one lap; 7, A Wurz (Austria, Benetton)
two laps; 8, T Talkagi (Jepan, Arrows)
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laps, 10d not finisht: P de le Rusa (Sp, Arrows) 52 laps completed, J Villeneuve
(Can, BAR) 49, A Zinerdi (R, Willems) 43;
R Barrichello (Bra. Stewari) 42, P Drniz
(Bra, Sauber) 42, G Frsichella (II, Benetton) 38, S sarrazin (Fr, Minard); J Alesi
(Fr, Sauber) 27; D Coulifherd (GB,
McLaren) 22; J Trulli (Ir, Prost) 21; J Herbert (GB, Stewart) 15; D Hall (GB, Jordan)
10. Did not start: R Zonta (Br, BAR).
CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Driv-

ness it didn't come."

twice, while Alex Zanardi, who joined the British team

this season as two-times

CART champion, has strug-

gled to find speed, consistency

Ralf Schumacher's perform-

ance in Brazil underlined how

open the first two races of the

year have been, in stark con-

trast to last season, when the

McLarens and Ferraris were

dominating. The Stewart-

Fords have the necessary pace

ers: 1, irvine 12pts; equal 2, Halklinen and Frentzen 10; 4, Schumacher 7; 5, M Schumacher 6; 6, Fisichella 3; 7, Berrichello 2, equal 8, De la Rosa and Panis 1.

Constructors: 1, Ferrari 18, equal 2, McLaren and Jordan 10; 4, Williams 7, 5, Benetton 3; 6, Slewari 2; equal 7, Arrows

and Prost ? GRANDS PRIX TO COME: May 2: Sen

GRIANDS PRIX TO COME: May 2: Ser Marino (mota). May 16: Monaco (Monte Carlo). May 30: Spanish (Barcelona). June 13: Canadian (Montreal). June 27: French (Magny-Cours). July 11: British (Silverstone). July 25: Austrian (Zelhwg). Aug 1: German (Hockenheim). Aug 15: Hungarian (Budapest). Aug 29: Belgian (Soe-Francorchamps). Bept 12: Italiem (Monze). Sept 26: European (Nurburghing). Oct. 17: 1Ablaysan (Kuala Lumpur). Oct 31: Japanese (Suzuka).

and a finish.

tive trustee, the claim was statutebarred under section 15(1) and para-graph 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1980 Act as more than 12 years had passed since the death of the plaintiff's mother who was the last person entitled to the property to be in

It was common ground that on the mother's death her estate fell to be held on statutory trusts for all three children under sections 46 and 47 of the Administration of Estates Act 1925 and that the brother, having behaved as if the property belonged to him, was an executor

It was also accepted that, by virtue of section 68(1)(9) of the Trustee Act 1925, an executor de son tort was not a trustee unless he was also a personal representative.

MOTOR RACING: FRENTZEN OFFERS STARK CONTRAST TO HIS TROUBLED TEAM-MATE

Hill forced into back seat

As the brother here had not taken out letters of administration on the mother's death, he could not be an express trustee so that, unless he could be deemed to be a constructive trustee, the 12-year limitation period started to run from the

was no direct authority on that point. However, where an executor de son tort sought to establish title by adverse possession against his adult siblings there would appear to be every justification for impos-

ing a constructive trust. Here he brother had taken possession knowing that his father had bought the property, that the parents had died intestate and that the plaintiff was entitled to a share.

If he had taken out letters of administration he would have been a personal representative and a trus-tee and, while there was no duty to become a personal representative, there was a duty to see that equity

The circumstances were such that a constructive trust had arisen on the mother's death in 1972 and that the brother, knowing he was not the sole owner, was under an equitable duty to hold the property as a trustee for himself and his sis-

Accordingly the action was not time-barred

Sir Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Swinton-Thomas agreed. Solicitors: Pool Purchas & Stokes, Penzance: Cornish & Bir-

Before Mr Justice Scott Baker [Judgment March 23] The term "instrument" in section 5 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act

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which the instrument was attached. The section was sufficiently widely drawn that a bylaw restricting fishing by reference to the size

of the section Bray for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash the confirma-

"(I) The local fisheries commit-

ture, Fisheries and Food, Ex ... make bylaws ... for all or any of the following purposes ... (b) for restricting or prohibiting ... any meth-od of fishing for sea fish or the use

1966 did not include the vessel to of a vessel was valid under the generality of the purpose and meaning

and just need to find the relia-

bility for Rubens Barrichello

to register his first victory.

while the Jordans are clearly

capable of tackling the Ferra-

ris and could go on to worry

McLaren remain concerned

about the reliability of their

cars and will be back to the

drawing board in the short

Coulthard won last year. Hak-

kinen's victory was threatened

briefly by gearbox problems on Sunday and engineers have been told to trace glitches over

Norbert Haug, the head of

the Mercedes engine supplier, warned: "We are certainly not

dominant this year and we are

not unbeatable. To win both

drivers' and constructors'

championships again is going

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to Imola, where

the McLarens.

the next few days.

to be a lot tougher."

Mr Justice Scott Baker so held in the Oueen's Bench Division in refusing the application of Nigel tion by the Minister of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food on April 18, 1996 of the Committee for Sussex Sea Fisheries District Bylaw No 3. Section 5 of the 1966 Act proinstrument of fishing for sea Mr Michael Davey for Mr Bray;

of any instrument of fishing for sea

fish and for determining the size of

mesh, form and dimensions of any

Mr Peter Mantle for the ministry. MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER said that Bylaw No 3 of the Committee for Sussex Sea Fisheries District dated April 18, 1996 prohibited fishing vessels over 14 metres in length from fishing within six miles of the shore.

sis that it was necessary to look separately at "instrument of fishing the bylaw did not fall under the nat-

Mr Davey had tackled the construction of section 5(1)(b) on the baural meaning of either phrase. Mr Manue submitted that one ing of the expressions out of the context of the rest of the Act.

the committees' powers to make bylaws was wide. It was not therefore necessary to examine minutely "in-strument of fishing" and "method of fishing".
His Lordship said that generally a draftsman intended a word or

phrase to have the same meaning throughout an Act. Accordingly, it was difficult to read "instrument of fishing" in section 5 as including a vessel where "instrument' was clearly not used in that sense in sec-

Mr Mantle submitted that fishing vessels were specialised vessels constructed and adapted for the purpose. Typically, vessels used for catching fish were not merely a means of conveyance to a fishing ground and platform from which an instrument was used, but an ac-

tive tool in the operation.

the arguments advanced by Mr Davey. In his Lordship's view "instrument of fishing" had to be construed narrowly and did not include the vessel to which the instru-

ment might be attached. It was not necessary to classify the vessel as a method or instrument in order for the hylaw to be

The section was sufficiently widely drawn for a bylaw to be made to cover prohibiting the use of a boat exceeding 14 metres in

Section 5 was to be looked at as a whole. The draftsman was endeavouring to give wide powers of control to local committees. The section provided an all embracing

Solicitors: Andrew M. Jackson & Co. Hull; Solicitor, Ministry of

#### His Lordship was unable to ac-Amending planning enforcement notice

Jarmain v Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and An-

Before Mr Nigel Macleod, QC

Dudgment March 12 Enforcement action taken in respect of the same physical develop-ment as earlier action was taken in respect of the same breach of plan ning control, for the purposes of section 171B(4)(b) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as in-serted, and the breach did not have to be identically described on both occasions for the subsection to ap-

Mr Nigel Macleod, OC. sitting as a deputy judge in the Queen's Bench Division, so held dismissing an appeal by Roger Raymond Jar-main under section 289(1) of the 1990 Act, against the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment. Transport and the Regions given by letter on November 23, 1998, to dismiss his appeal against

Subsequently the planning per-mission ran out and in 1996 the council issued an enforcement notice against him for retaining the

When in 1998 the council discov-

ered that the mobile home had be-

come a permanent structure it withdrew the first enforcement notice and issued a second notice alleging unauthorised erection of a single storev dwelling. The appellant appealed against that notice arguing that it was out of time, and that the council could not rely on section 171B(4)(b) of the

the 1991 Act, because the second notice had not been issued in respect of the same breach of planning control as the first. The secretary of state's inspector dismissed the appeal finding that both notices were directed at the same structure and that the council had been taking action against the

1990 Act, as inserted by section 4 of

same breach on both occasions. In his Lordship's judgment, the

Regina v Hill (Norman David William)

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Justice Richards and Judge Colston, QC [Judgment March [5]

Although the same maximum term of five years imprisonment applied to offences under section 1 of the Firearms Act 1968 (possession of a firearm without a certificate). section 2 (possession of a shotgu without a certificate) and section 21 (possession of a lirearm when prohibited), the last offence was likely to be considered most serious.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Norman David William Hill against a sentence imposed on August 8, 1998, at Barnstaple Crown Court (Mr Recorder Parish) of two and a half years imprisonment for an offence of possessing a firearm when prohibited, contrary to section 21(2) and (4) of the 1968 that the court in R v Avis ([1998] 1 Cr App R 420) had included offene es under section 21, although not those under sections 1 or 2 among those where the custodial term was likely to be of considerable length.

That suggested that breaches of

section 21 might be considered more serious notwithstanding that the maximum term was the same. Their Lordships were inclined to share that view. Possession of a firearm without

a certificate was a matter of legitimate concern. But other things being equal there was likely to be even greater legitimate concern about posses sion of such a weapon by a former prisoner who was specifically de-

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prohibition and required to sign a written acknowledgment to that ef-Accordingly, the submission was not accepted that a higher sentence could not be justified for this offence than for the other counts in the indictment in the circumstances of the case where the factual

barred by statute from possessing

it and who, on his release from pris-

on, had been expressly told of the

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an enforcement notice served by Welwyn Hatfield District Council He was sentenced at the same annellant's interpretation of sectime to concurrent terms of 12 months imprisonment for possesstion 171B(4)(b) was too narrow and under section 172 of the Act. as subwould weaken the provision considerably. The subsection did not restituted by section 5 of the Planing a firearm without a firearm cerning and Compensation Act 1991. tificate, contrary to section 1(1)(a). quire the breach to be identically The appellant in person; Miss possessing a shotgun without a described in both enforcement nobackground was the same. shotgun certificate, contrary to sec-tion 2, and possessing ammunition Nathalie Lieven for the secretary of Nevertheless, the offence, although serious, was not so serious state; the council was not represent-On its true interpretation section without a firearm certificate, con-171,B(4)(b) could not be used to covas to merit a sentence of two and a trary to section !(i)(b). half years imprisonment or so er two different developments or HIS LORDSHIP said that the Mr Andrew Chubb, assigned by great a differential between it and two different changes of use, but it appellant had temporary planning the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, could be used, as here, to cover two the sentence of one year imposed permission for a mobile home for the appellant. for possession of the same items different descriptions of the same which, unknown to the council, he MR JUSTICE RICHARDS, givwithout a certificate. A sentence of transformed into a single storey development 18 months imprisonment would Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor. ing the judgment of the court, said therefore be substituted. مكذآ ف الاصل

His Lordship said that there Regina v Ministry of Agricultee for a sea fisheries district may should not analyse the literal mean-cept that argument in the light of Section 5(1)(a) made it clear that

length in fishing for sea fish. power to make bylaws to control fishing on a district by district ba-

### Seriousness of firearms offences

## Head turns to Fallon

KTEREN FALLON yesterday discovered the brightest of silver linings to the cloud over Bionic by being offered the ride on her replacement as Sagitta 1.000 Guineas favourite. Criquette Head has asked the champion to partner Moiava, after Olivier Doleuze was suspended at Longchamp on Sunday.

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Bionic, so highly regarded by Fallon, was scratched from the betting when pulling up lame at exercise ten days ago. Fallon noted that he can only ride Moiava on the basis that his principal employer. Henry Cecil, does not find a live alternative to Bionic. That he has been otherwise receptive would not appear to augur especially well for Enemy Action, whose credentials are tested today in the Shadwell Stud

Neil Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket. The misfortune that befell Bionic is just one in a series afflicting favourites for the 1,000 Guineas. First and worst was the gallops injury which claimed the life of Bint Allayl, but Moiava herself has not spared her trainer headaches. She missed her intended rehearsal at Maisons-Laffitte last Friday because of a minor infection and has now been deprived of her jockey after Doleuze mistook the

By CHRIS MCGRATH

winning post on Sunday. Having been celebrating victory when collared on the line, he was suspended from April 20 to May 5.

jockey," Mme Head said yesterday. But Molava is a straightforward filly who will present no complications, and people like Fallon can ride anything. It's a shame for Olivier, though, because he misses a lot of other good rides, including Juvenia's prep for the French Guineas.

was confident that Moiava was ideally qualified to defend her excellent 1,000 Guineas record, despite the Prix Marcel Boussac success of Juvenia\_ "Moiava has done well over the winter and looked very well before these little pimples appeared on a joint before the Prix Imprudence." she said. "That was nothing, really, and we have enough horses at home to bring her to Newmarket with a good chance. She will have a gallop at Maisons-Laffitte on Friday."

The Bering filly made all to win both her starts last season, and could well benefit from Fallon's positive

style. "She likes a straight course and has a huge action, so she needs pace," her trainer added. "It's different in France, because races are so slowly run, but there should be a good



#### gailop at Newmarket. There's "It's always a concern to lose your stamina in her pedigree and she should stay a mile all right." Enemy Action is one of 11 declared for the Nell Gwyn, over seven of the eight furlongs that will stage the classic at the July Course on May 2 (the Rowley Mile being closed during construction of a new grandstand). The strength of the field has been diluted by Jeremy Noseda's decision Already last autumn the trainer to go straight to the Guineas with Wannabe Grand, though Circle Of Gold attempts to retrieve earlier promise. At Newbury on Saturday the Tripleprint Stakes, more familiar as the Greenham, offers an alternative for Mujahid, the Sagitta 2,000 Guineas favourite -- but the City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket on Thursday remains favoured, given suitable ground. Auction House, who chased home Mujahid in the Dewhurst, and Enrique, who finished fourth, are likely runners at Newbury, but Commander Collins Circle Of Gold, right, tackles the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket today will not run before the Guineas.



2.35 BOLD FACT (nap) 4.45 World Alart 3.10 Enemy Action

5.20 Aesops Timekeeper's top rating: 2.35 BOLD FACT. Our Newmarket correspondent: 2.05 El Mobasherr. 4.15 HEROIC

BLUE (nap), 4.45 Ettrick. **GOING: GOOD TO FIRM** 

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 \_\_\_\_\_ B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Str-figure form (F - left, P - pulled up. U - unseated rider B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualities). Morse's name. Days since last outing. Jif Jumps. (B - binkers. V - visor. T - tongue strap H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD course

and distance winner BF - beaten layouring in most recent cace). Going on which horse has won (F - firm, good to firm, hard, 6 - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owiner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight to be carried. Rider plus any allowance. Tameleeper's speed rating

2.05 APRIL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,305: 1m 4f) (10 nunners)

BETTING: 2-1 Rammunta, 9-2 Court of Jostice, 5-1 ipledgeaBegtance, 8-1 El Mobasherr, Time Zone, 10-1 War Cabinot, 12-1 Elimicabaltz, 14-1 offiers: 1998: CAPRI 9-0 K Fallon (13-8 tav) 11 Cecil 10 ran

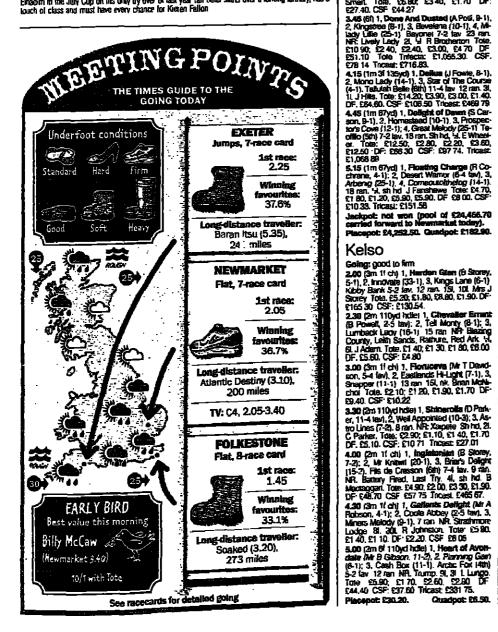
A real test of stamma for these three-year-olds. Time Zone has sound form claims on his excellent 1% lither to Adman in the listed Zetland Salaes at Newmarted (1m Zz) lest year, but it is part of middle-distance with the Peter Chapple-Hyam newcomer COURT OF JUSTICE by Afleged, a top size of middle-distance and staying types, this cold is closely related to the classy, former Manion immates Court Of Horour and Single Empire. The year boasts an excellent 24% softer-rate with its first-me-out three-year-olds over the past three years. Herry Cecil sociles but on Ramnuma and the Ramhow Quest newcomer, War Cabinet. The former, preferred by stable pockey Kieren Fallon and an encouraging 31 second to Magda in a Notifisham (1m) market in 10 clober, ments respect. Bit Mobassherr and Ziazario, by the top miles Machineritien and Ziazario, could struggle to get home, but (pledgeallegiance kept on well when chasing home Turaoth (besten 59) at Doncaster (1m) 2f) on his reappearance and may do even better at this trip.

2.35 NGK SPARK PLUGS ABERNANT STAKES

(Listed race; £13,103: 6f) (14 runners)

BETTING: 4-1 Bold Fact, 5-1 Hill Magic, Tedburrow 7-1 Bold Edge, Tipsy Creek, 8-1 Dashing Blue, 12-1 Yorkes Boy, Nanoushika, 25-1 Always Alight, 33-1 Esslem Lyric, 66-1 Stylish Ways. 1998: TEDBURROW 6-9-2 Y Failon (10-1) E Alston 10 ran

1998: TEDBURROW 6-9-2 Y Fallon (10-1) E Akien 10 ran Tedburrow, winner of this sat year, showed his present wethering when neating Yorkies Boy 31 at Donessiar (6) lest morth to the section of the tedburrow (6) lest morth but has plenty on here under a 6th permity and is 12th worse off with Cream Gift for the 154th he bed him 12 months ago. Both Edge signed off last season with a neck beating of Tedburrow (6) better off) on the Rowley Mile course (6), but Richard Hamnon's horses are yet to spark, and for that season Nanousshia can also be passed over. Hill Magic's 154 indefect of Brave Edge in Kempton's Qual Stakes (6); confirmed him to remain on the update and marks him down as one to the shortlist. Preterence though is for another progressive son, GCHSE. Umaced at two-years, he improved with his racing last year and showed a useful level of form when beating forches boy a nech at Donessier (6) in November Bold Fact, not dispraced when eligible to Einadim in the July Cup on his only by over 6t tast year fall other starts over a kurkong farther), has a louch of class and must have every chance for Kieren Fallon.



3.10 SHADWELL STUD HELL GWYN STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £20,000: 7f) (11 runners)

| 1211 - AAZ-2NG DREAM 227 (F.S) Libbart Family) R Hanson 8-9 \_\_\_ Dane (TRult 97 D3154 - ATLANTIC DESTINY 178 (8-5) Historic Racing Lish M Johnston 8-9 \_\_ D Holland 100 2116 - CIRCLE OF GOLD 196 (D.F) (R E-Singstein) P Chiepple-Hyern 8-9 \_\_ J Fortune 100 1-1 - ELLWAY STAR 231 (F) (Ellesty Racing Permensish) B Heathery 8-9 \_\_ W Ryan 67 1740 - ENEMY ACTION 219 (F.S) (Chiesple Racing Permensish) B Heathery 8-9 \_\_ W Ryan 67 10 - RAPPE 198 (R F.S) (A Dynamichary 6 | W Ragg 8-9 \_\_ W Roberts 85 21 - HAWRIYAM 185 (D.S) (A HARdoumy J Dunlop 8-9 \_\_ R Hills. 85 3 - LAMCHAN 185 (D.S) (M F.S) (Wang 8-9 \_\_ W ROBERTS 8-9 \_\_ D Dunlop 73 100 LODGE 185 (D.S) (M F.S Collins) C B Rithin 8-9 \_\_ P Robbisson 75 34132 - VALENTINE WALTZ 176 (D.6) (Outry Mahre Syndicals) J Gosten 8-9 L Destort 100 - 2 Chief M Carl R 2 Alteries Make 1, 2 Feortune Maint 6 Libert 1 Market 1 March 1 100 - 2 Chief M Carl R 2 Alteries Make 1, 2 Feortune Maint 6 Libert 6 Libert 7 Libert 6 Libert 7 Libert 6 Libert 7 Lib 1998: CLOUD CASTLE 8-9 J Reid (33-1) C Brittain 7 ran

1988: CLOUD CASTLE 8-9 J Reid (33-1) C Brittain 7 ran

A competitive renewal of this Guineas trial that may go the way of CRFCLE OF GOLD (nap). A 33-1 shot for the first fifties classic, the daughter of Boyal Academy showed her best form last season when beating Choirpin a length in the group three Prestige States at Goodwood (71) in August. She appeared to find the drop back to sh furionys against her when subsequently wall beaten in the subsequently wall washe to lend a blow on Wannabe Grand when under 21 fourth to Brid Allay! In the group one Lowther States at York (67), alled to repeat that form when subsequently well beaten in the Mayglare States at York (67) at the Curraph but is the subject of encouraging reports. Valentine Westz, trained by Aidan O'Brien her first four starts test season, showed progressive form for her new stable, currienting in an excellent 11st season at the Mangal in the group two Rockfell States (71). She has the beating of Atlantic Destiny (24-I further back in lourth) on their showing and is another who should go well. Arrazing Dream, winner of the 27-runner Tottersalls Breeders States at the Curraph (6) in August, cannot be ruled out.

3.40 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (3-Y-0: £7,766: 71) (20 runners)

OTE TRIFECTA RACE | (3-Y-0: £7,766: 7f) (20 runners)

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SETTINE: 4-1 Frittee Mans, 8-1 Billy MacCave, Resultann, 10-1 Calconta, Geurstel, 14-1 Maple, Bootlan Custry 16-1 Adelphi Boy, Black STA, Colonel Mustard, Tomore Gozen, Tough Gay, 20-1 others. 1998: JRLA 9-0 R Hitls (13-2 tar) R Armstrong 21 ran

Franco Mina caught a number of eyes when fourth to Kennestry Bollet on his return at Doncaster (71) — staying on shouth reaving been short of room at a crucial stage. He could well make amends but, in a highly competitive contest, TOMAGE GOZEN is given the most he staged with plenty of promise when roomer-up to Black Ambler here (67) on his debut when Radiatigh (71) morse off) was 9/40 back in 16th Although Tailing to repeal that form in two subsequent starts, he is process only was seen pages at real Abbungar densing to represent the north new successors saids, he as potentially inelectify breated on his handicary debut, betaple and Tought Bary are more obvious contenders but their consistency last season is reflected by their handicap marks. This trip may stretch the stamma of Champagope Ridder, Calcutta, Billy MetCaw and Base Star bet, in contrast, it folds a bare minimum for Route Staty Six, Front-running Colonel Mustand would have claims if reproducing the form he showed when making att at Lingdield in Angust, white Victorious, capable of better from he showed last season, is not out of the equation of his few weight. Gaurdiet was no match in Noul at Doncaster last month and, like Castmir and Adelphi Boy, looks vulnerable to less exposed rivals.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 2.25 Northern Drums. 2.55 Labula Bay. 4.05 Garrison Friendly, Gallant Taffy, Bells Wood. Folkastone: 3.20 Polar Mist.

1 45 Full Snate

3.20 Alimaites

2.45 Grecian Tale

ROB WRIGHT

2.15 Step On Degas 4.25 Hastate

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)

1.45 PRIVY COUNCILLOR MAIDEN STAKES

3-1 Saratyah, 9-2 Pussy Galore, 5-1 Fell Spate, Wars, 8-1 others.

2.15 LEVY APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£1,857: 68) (16)

9-2 Dryad, 6-1 Mata's Marcic, 8-1 Tintes Osmaston, Delckine, 10-1 Polish Spirit, Bayonal Calculation, 12-1 Macr Cangerous, Step On Degas, 14-1 others.

2.45 CHATHAM STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,219: 5f) (13)

4-1 Landican Lane, 9-2 Apples And Paars, 5-1 King's Cragoon, 7-7 Greeign Tale. 19-1 Gold Chapte, 12-1 Eastern Trumpster, Godfords, 14-1 others.

3.20 GILLINGHAM STAKES (£2,856: 51) (9)

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

(Div I: £3,480: 7f) (10 runners)

3.55 Desert Duke

4.55 Rose Bay

5.30 Final Trial

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YESTERDAY'S

RESULTS

Coing: good 2.15 (51 10/cl) 1, Optimistic (T Sprake, 7-2 fav), 2, Anster (7-1); 3, Commonwood (25-1), 17 ran NR: Achally, 5, 11 s B Mis-man Tore, 24 80, 21 40, 23 10, 29 60, DF: 217.70 CSF 224.76 2.45 (1m 27 7/d) 1, Malden's Bitush (I. Det-lori, 2-1 lav); 2, Nika Nesgoda (9-1), 3, Mar-ry Me (33-1), 15 ran Hd, 31, J Gooden, Tote: 33 20, E130, E350, E7 50, DF: £16 90 CSF 229.32 3,15 (1m 67/d) 1, Bathwick (D Holland,

CST E23.22 3.15 (1m 67)(d) 1, Battertick (D Holland, 5-1), 2, The Prince (8-1), 3, Sampower Star (9-4 talv), 7 ran, NR, Vinual Reality 14, 3"s. B Smart, Tota, 55.80, 53.40, 51.70 DF: 527-40, CSF 544.27

E1,068 88 5.15 (1m 67yd) 1, Housing Charge (R Co-chrane, 4-1): 2, Desert Warnor (6-4 tax), 3, Arberra (25-1), 4, Correcurcitizelog (14-1). 18 ran. '4, sh hd J Fershawe Tote: 24 70, 27 80, 27.20, 55.90, 55.90, DF 68 00. CSF £10.33. Tricasj: £151.58

Jackpot: not won (pool of £24,456.70 cerried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £4,252.50. Quadpot: £182.90.

ET 40, 21 to UP 22.20. CS 15 to S 5.00 (2m 61 110yd hole) 1. Heart of Aven-date (Mr B Gibson, 11-2), 2 Planning Gart (8-1); 3. Cash Box (11-1), Arctic Fox (481) 5-2 fav 12 ran NR. Toump 91, 91 Lungo, Tote 25.90, 21 70, 52.60, 52.80 DF 544.40 CSF, 537.60 Tricast 5331.75.

Orradoot: P6 50

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C4 4.15 STETCHWORTH MAIBEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,468: 6f) (11 runners) 

1998: CARRISSEAN MONARCH 9-0 W R S-inhorm (14-1) Sir M Shoute 16 are

Waterstood was questly functed on his debut there in July (71)
in a race won by famello but laded in the clocking stages after
softman over course and distance in October, while Rain Rain Ro Away,
easy to back when around 81 third to Baffet Masser at Yamnouth in October, represents a stable the has
already struck furn this season. Susan's Protein lad Amber Brown back in soft when classing home
Present Laughter on his debut at Wamnot and then finished a close-up soft, of seven, to inya Late in
the Field Marstell States at Haydock (5). The four newcomers are all worth noting in the market
particularly HERDIC BLIE. This son of Known Fact has been working encouragingly on the home
gations with Wagnabe Grand, the stable's 1,000 Guineas hope, and can score at the first time of
acting, Istintal, is a Nureyey colt who is a half-brother to group two winter Asturah.

4.45 BOADICEA CONDITIONS STARES (3-Y-O: £5,647: 7f) (7 runners) BETTING: 11-4 Indicase, 3-1 Baharnen Baudit, 4-1 Birick, 5-1 Sporting Lad, World Alert, 16-1 others. 1998: DARSING DEREK 9-1 K Fation (1-2 lav) D Loder (Ft) 3 ran

1995: DARFING DEHEK 9-1 K Fallon (1-2 lav) D Loder (Fr) 3 ren

Infirmata, who has spent the winter in Dubat, is unblosly to fack
anything in condition but her form last season was nothing out
of the ordinary and the one to beat looks to be BAHANRAN

BANDIT. He shaped pleasingly on last ground over course and distance on his debut (when around 31
fifth to Mulphid) before thrashing; 17 neas at Linguide (6) in Soptember. Ethick looked one to follow
when seeing off 19 rhats in pleasing style at Dencester in November attrough he has yet to race on a
sound surface — a remark tell applies to Plouge Ethile, who stayed an strongly to wim af Pollesting
(6) in Cobber. Sporting Lad, whose only win from the starts last term came at Chester, and World
Alert, no occuses when beaten at Ascot or Newmarket, will probably need to show emprovement, while
Sharoura has more to do than when beating Northern Spring a neck at Doncaster (6) ast month.

**5.20** museum maiden stakes (3-y-0: £4,500: 1m 2i) (15)



There have been no significant whispers for any of the newcomers so Assops, placed here and at Sandown (1m) last
lerm, merits close consideration. He is the formbook pitch but
WILLIAMSHAKESPEARE can have the last word. He straped promisingly here in October (1m) when
given a gerdle introduction behind Lighthing Arrow over an inadequate imp and, being a but brother to
lieser Friendly, the Cals and St Leger winners, will appreciate the exits two furlongs he encounters today.

3.55 PRIVY COUNCILLOR MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,446: 7f) (10)

10-11 Desert Lute, 9-2 Modescol, 5-1 Regal Edt, B-1 Annating, 10-1 Swing Along, 25-1 White Valley, Lusaduck, 33-1 others

4.25 GRAVESEND HANDICAP (£3,150: 1m 7f) (16) 

1 (12) 40/0 WESTERN CHEF 42 (8,5) D Witherns 5-10-0 . D Griffins 53 (15) 0-59 STAR MANAGER 53J (6,5) R Spice 9-9-12. S Carson (5) 80 (3) 0-69 STAR MANAGER 53J (6,5) R Spice 9-9-12. S Carson (5) 80 (3) 0-69 DURHAM (10) (8,7,5) G I Moore 8-9-3 ... J Carroll 7-6 (3) 120-50 STAR MANAGER 186 (6,5) M Pros 5-9-7 ... P McCabe 7-7 (15) 650- BEAUCHAMP MARIC 189 G A Butle 4-9-6 ... K Darley 53 (7) 650- BEAUCHAMP MARIC 189 G A Butle 4-9-6 ... K Darley 53 (7) 650- BEAUCHAMP MARIC 189 G A Butle 4-9-6 ... M Tebbut 69 (7) 10 0-0 MAPRIC 18J (8) R 0 Scillen 5-8-12 ... M Tebbut 69 (7) 10 0-0 MAPRIC 18J (8) R 0 Scillen 5-8-12 ... M Tebbut 69 (9) 10-1 MASTATE 8 (C.F) W Javis 4-9-11 ... M Tebbut 69 (9) 200- BLUMMANTE 28J D O'Bren 6-9-10 ... A Carline 38 (11) 14) 2123 PADALIK 42 (8) M Hayrac 5-8-8 ... F Northon 84 (11) 2123 PADALIK 42 (8) M Hayrac 5-8-8 ... F Part 6 (11) 306 PHOLOSOPHIC 13J (CD)F Ms 1, Merel 5-8-7 ... R Prorch 853 (11) 306 PHOLOSOPHIC 13J (CD)F Ms 1, Merel 5-8-7 ... R Prorch 853 (11) 306 PHOLOSOPHIC 13J (CD)F Ms 1, Merel 5-8-7 ... R Prorch 853 (11) 300 PHOLOSOPHIC 13J (CD)F Ms 1, Merel 5-8-7 ... R Prorch 853 (11) 300 PHOLOSOPHIC 13J (CD)F Ms 1, Merel 5-8-7 ... R Prorch 853 (11) 300 PHOLOSOPHIC 13J (M Withdoom 5-8-5 S Whitmorth 5-15 (11) 00- WONTCOSTALOTBUT 13J M Withdoom 5-8-5 S Whitmorth 5-15 (11) 10-15 9-2 Alummate, 11-2 Shoring Dancer, 6-1 Doc Ryen's, 13-2 Beauchamp Magic, 7-1 Derham, Padeuk, 12-1 Hastale, 14-1 Others.

4.55 DARTFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

1 (5) DSO- POLISH SPRIT 181 (G) B Militara 4-10-0
2 (13) SSO- TRICER OSMASTOR 218 (D.S) R Hotiges 8-9-11 J Savage BET3
3 (6) 0005 MISS DANISEROUS 77 (C.D.S) M Chain 4-9-10
4 (15) -090 STEP ON DEGAS 17 (P.D.S) M Chain 4-9-10 W Hatchinson 88
5 (R) 25-0 MISS MONEY SPOER 17 (S) J Boxfley 4-9-7, D Haydon 68
6 (1) -0-10 LOGAME A-7 (D.S) W Misson 5-9-7 — P Shee (3) 66
7 (1) -001 LOGAME A-7 (D.S) W Misson 5-9-7 — P Shee (3) 66
7 (1) -001 LOGAME A-7 (D.S) W Misson 5-9-7 — P Shee (3) 66
7 (1) -005 FAST FRANK 4-9 (C.D.S) I Neactive 4-9-7 — I O'Nelli (5) 70
8 (11) -000 FAST FRANK 4-9 (C.D.S) I Neactive 4-9-7 — I D'Nelli (5) 70
10 (12) -050 MYSTICISM 15 (C Britan 4-9-5) — R Thomas (3) 74
11 (7) 00-0 MILLA'S MAGE( 15 (V.D.G) K INNY 4-9-4 (C Carlin (8) 70
12 (7) 00-0 BYCHED CALCULATION 15 (D.F.) J Bracing 5-9-4
14 (4) 400 NEWLANDS COPRIER 135 (B.F.) J Archans 6-9-4 P C New 99
15 (2) 000-0 DELCAMA 197 (6 Margason 4-9-2 — A Beect 59
15 (10) 42-0 WHATTA MADAN 13 G I. Moon 3-9-2 — D Young 81
9-2 Dread 6-1 Meat's Madax 5-1 Tinger Osnason, Delcame, (0-1 Profest Strint, (£3,834: 1m 4f) (12) 1 A) 233 APRIL STOCK 157 Mess & Kelleway 4-9-10 \_ S Sanders SEE]
2 163 DOUBLE DENTITY TO McCarthy 4-9-10 \_ S Midbuschi \_
3 (6) 00- ST HALARY 283 Mrs A Parmil 4-9-10 \_ M Charle 5
5 (10) 0503 TAZKYA 40 (A) R Ingram 4-9-10 \_ A Clark 41
6 (1) 050- AMAD'S PRINCESS 191 W 5-10 \_ A Clark 41
6 (1) 050- AMAD'S PRINCESS 191 W 5-10 \_ A Clark 41
6 (1) 050- AMAD'S PRINCESS 191 W 5-10 \_ A Clark 41
6 (1) 050- AMAD'S PRINCESS 191 W 5-10 \_ A Clark 41
7 (11) 5-0 DRAMATIC SCERES 8 J S More 3-8-4 \_ P Doc (8) \_ 31
8 (7) MIDINA S Davi 3-8-4 \_ P Doc (8) \_ 5
9 (2) 0- PACASPA 190 (D) J DUTING 3-8-4 \_ D Garrolf 35
10 (9) 30-0 CULCIOSTEP 10 R Henton 3-8-4 \_ J Garrolf 35
11 (12) 0- ROSE BAY 183 C REIGHT 3-8-4 S Drowne 49
12 (3) 0- ROSE BAY 183 C REIGHT 3-8-4 S Drowne 49
12 (3) 0- ROSE BAY 183 C REIGHT 3-8-4 S Drowne 49 7-4 April Stock, 9-4 Paceera, 7-2 Opicissep, 12-1 Induse, 14-1 Tazkiya, 25-1 Double idenisty, Gramatic Scanes, Rose Bay, 23-1 obers

> 5.30 BESINGTON HANDICAP (£3,077: 1m 1f 149yd) (15)

7-2 Zates, 6-1 First Trial, 7-1 Native Cas, 8-1 Far-So-Lu, 10-1 Pacidy McGoon, Young Mazand, Figure Tell, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

1 22 2122 PCLAR MEST B (R.T.D) MS TREATHY 4-9-10 .0 MS KNOWN 72
2 (9) 8007 INDIAN SLAZE 13 (C.S.) D Existing 5-9-7 ... A Daly (S) 75
3 (4) 040- ALIMATES 179 (B) A McKim 49-4 ... T G incl. asynthin 94
4 (5) 09-0 COLD CLIMATE 15 804 Junes 4-9-4 ... T G incl. asynthin 94
5 (6) 13-43 SAMAED 26 (BFD.FG) D Chaptrin 6-9-4 ... A Cultima RESI
6 (2) 500- DAYS OF GRAZE 256 (D.D.) I Ministipe Hail 4-9-1 A Cultima RESI
7 (8) 000- HAPPY DAYS AGAIN 158 (B.D.F.G) J Witarton 4-9-1
8 (1) 00-4 NOPALEA 13 (D.P.) I Nasqitton 5-9-1 ... A Nicholis (S) 68
9 (7) 00-5 WEST STREET BLUES 13 I McCarity 3-8-4 S Whitworth 44 Replaces; St. M. Stocke. 3 weeners from 7 numbers, 42.9%, L. Cumern. 3 from 10, 30.0%; M. Healon-Chit.; Stock 18, 27.6%. J. Durdon, 12 from 47, 25.5%; L. Manstegue Hall, S. toch 12, 25.0%, P. Waltern, 6 from 24, 25.0%, D. Esmarta, 6 from 29, 20.7%, W. Mattr., 9 from 46, 19 6%. JOCKEYS K Darley, 4 werens hom 19 rates, 21.1%; J Lose, 3 hom 18, 15.7%; F Norton, 5 hom 32, 15.5%; J Tate, 3 hom 21, 14.3%, T Speaks, 13 hom 93, 14.7%, Marish open; 8 hom 55, 12.3%, R Flanch, 6 hom 49, 12.2%, S Drowne, 9 hom 75, 12.0%; S Sanders, 17 hom 144, 11.8%.

### Owners await verdict in classic trial

he following Britons share one thing in common: Montgomerie, David Coulthard, Greg Rusedski, Lawrence Dallaglio and Alec Stewart have known profound sporting disappointment in the past ten days. Dallaglio, the England rugby captain, and Rusedski, Great Britain's Davis Cup player, suffered the biggest hits. Their failures condemned them to soul-searching misery, yet the prospect of redemption awaits. There will be other grand slam deciders for Dallaglio, other Davis Cup duels for Rusedski.

FICHA HANSON

One glaring exception runs contrary to the theme of the "second chance". It is that of the (modest) racehorse owner who has been encouraged to dream that he might just have a racehorse of talent. Such thoughts have run wild within upwards of 50 individuals for the past nine months. Over the next five days, the vast majority of them will be dashed by the cold reality of racecourse performance.

Just think of it: Dallaglio and his men had 86 minutes in which to impose themselves: Rusedski nearly four hours in that compelling skirmish with Jim Courier. For these owners, however, nine months of waiting distils to around 100 seconds of breakneck galloping. The classic trials are upon us.

Nothing matches the swelling in your stomach when your trainer declares, unprompted, that the hair in the tail of the creature in your possession might be attached to a horse of potential. Suddenly all those crippling keep fees will seem like chicken-feed. The sky is the limit.

How much greater, there-fore, is the mist of dejection when hope collapses like a house of cards. Owning a good racehorse is genuinely a once in a lifetime experience often denied to the majority. as it will be for all but the lucky few whose charges excel this week. There is no sporting parallel with this one-off, bone-shaking experience.

Some trainers adhere to the childhood diktat not to make false promises. Others trade in expectation: tell owners anything that will encourage them for as long as possible. The latter was once a welltrodden route. Then followed the small hiccup, the bout of flu, the sudden growth spurt. the need for more time, the debilitating virus, the lacklustre gallop, the lamenting of what might have been but for these things, the unbalanced bank balance, the hugely deflating experience. These were the bad old days from which the occasional hangover lingers.

**JULIAN MUSCAT** 

On the level To owners, trainers are the spin-doctors of the business. Pronouncements on their near-mystical profession have the capacity to elate or despair. Some go to great lengths to guard owners against rampant optimism, yet the act of contesting a classic trial betrays their opinion of the horse. It is when the owner discovers whether the

dream survives or dies. Most racehorse owners are wealthy but some are more wealthy than others. None more than Sheikh Mohammed, whose early involvement, strange to relate, fell short of the expected harvest. What did he do? He bought more horses, tilted odds in his favour, took ownership to unprecedented numerical levels before regrouping around Godolphin's banner.

t was this scatter gun approach that caused resentment among British owners of far lesser resources. Imagine: you are a self-made millionaire made to feel a pauper by the sheikh's inestimable wealth. He savoured winning the National Lottery despite buying large numbers of tickets. These days he is buying far fewer but making far bigger offers for tickets with three numbers already plucked from the hat. He can buy so many dream tickets that one is almost certain to be cashed.

For these reasons, the expressions of Middle Eastern owners will not illustrate the crushing of those dreams at Newmarket and Newbury this week. No. these trials represent the biggest ordeal for the moderately wealthy owner who sustains the game with his partnership in a handful of horses — or ownership of one or two outright. His creature has done well to get this far, yet now confronts the biggest test of all: translating his potential into hard currency.

Talented thoroughbreds are worth their weight in gold. It is about emotion, elation and ecstasy. For the vast majority this week, it will be about despair and dejection.

☐ Julian Muscat writes on Flat racing every Tuesday

#### **SPECIALISTS**

NEWMARKET: Trainers: H Ceol. 24 winners from 95 runners. 25 3%; J Gosden, 21 from 118, 17.8%; J Durriop, 21 from 120, 17.5%; B Harbury, 11 from 57. 16 4%, A Stewen, 5 from 31, 16 1%, Jockeys: K Feb., 20 winners from 79 ndes. 25.3%, R Hils, 26 from 106, 24.5%; J Quinn, 10 from 108, 24.5%; J Quinn, 10 from 108, 24.5%; J Quinn, 20 from 158, 24.5%; J Quinn, 20 5%. 48, 20.8%, L. Detton, 33 from 161, 20.5%. Par Eddery, 35 from 172, 20.3%.

EXCEPT: Trainers: P Hobbs, 32 winners from 128 numers, 25 0%; M Pipe, 60 from 249, 24.1%; Mrs M Jones, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Mass H knight, 27 from 121, 22.3%, P Nicholls, 7 from 34, 201%; Jockeys: D Byrne, 8 winners from 3 ndes, 100%; B Dunwoody, 31 from 90, 34.4%; R Widger, 4 from 13, 30 8%; L Asell, 4 from 15, 25 7%; A Bates, 3 from 12, 25.0%





## WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP

7 furlongs, Newmarket, 3.40pm, Live on CH4 TV. **16/1** Tough Guy 9/1 Billy McCaw 18/1 Adelphi Boy 20/1 Bodfari Quarry 9/1 Calcutta 9/1 Gauntlet 20/1 Casimir

20/1 Red Delirium

9/1 Retaliator 12/1 Colonel Mustard 20/1 Route Sixty Six 14/1 Black Silk 14/1 Tomoe Gozen

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## Ricard and Campbell work their magic charms

ith most FA Carling Premiership teams having played two matches since Easter Monday, there have peen some big scores achieved this week by the leading Fantasy League managers. In all, 28 teams scored 35 points or more, with the weekly winner, Silver Charm, selected by Wee Tieng Lee, of Singapore, scoring 45. four points ahead of the nearest challenger. Silver Charm was entered for *The Times* Fantasy League late last month, with the express aim of claiming one of the prizes of £500 plus £100 worth of sports equipment. "I didn't see any chance of getting in the top 100, so I entered some teams to try to win a

but I'm still surprised that I won it." He is too modest: the performance of his team proves how cleverly he chose his initial XI, and how wisely he used the transfers at his disposal. His two top scorers were transferred in after only five days of the month at just the right time to take advantage of good opportunities to

weekly or even a monthly prize," Wee, 31, who works in environment management, said. "I tailored my teams to the fixtures,

Kevin Campbell, brought in from Trabzonspor, of Turkey, by Walter Smith, the Everton manager, in what some saw as a desperate last throw of the dice, earned Wee eight points over the two games he



played for his new club last week. "I heard the news that he was coming to Everton," Wee said. "I'd seen him play before, and my feeling was that he was going to score for Everton. And he got two goals on Sunday." An even better hunch was the one that brought in Hamilton Ricard, of

Middlesbrough, to replace Jimmy Floyd

really hitting form," Wee explained. "Middlesbrough had two home games and have a good home record." Put like that, it sounds so simple.

Ricard's revelatory form is certainly noteworthy. At times last season, he looked completely out of place and out of form as Middlesbrough seemed to score goals

Colombian. This season, however, with Brian Deane as his regular partner instead of Mikkel Beck, he has delighted the crowds at the Riverside Stadium, scoring 15 goals so far. Against Charlton Athletic on Saturday, he gave his ream the lead and set up the second goal for Robbie Mustoe. Two goals against Wimbledon on Easter

Monday gave him 11 points for the week. Other Silver Charm scorers included Benito Carbone (6 points). Steve Guppy (6). Colin Cooper (5), Temuri Ketsbaia (3), Scott Minto (3) and David Seaman (3). Wee is a supporter of Liverpool, but any loyalty he felt to his favourites took second place to the demands of Fantasy League success, and he resisted the temptation to select any Anfield-based players. "I see that they are not doing that well," he said.

□ Even if your team's performance was disappointing, you can still be a prizewinner. If your team total, based on the player lists (right), comes to 5 or 8, follow the instructions below and you could win this week's ON-Target prize of £500.

□ For legal reasons, The Times Fantasy League is no longer able to accept entries from players under 18 years of age. Players 17 and under already entered in the main and youth leagues will, however, be allowed

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for managers in The Times Fantasy League: which positions can make or break your Fantasy team?

The headlines in Fantasy League, as in football in general, tend to go to the strikers - after all, they are generally the players who score the most points. But if the issue is viewed in terms of value for money, there are some surprising results.

Martin Keown, the Arsenal centre back, who has contributed 55 points to all those managers who were willing to spend £4.1 million on his services. His team-mate, Lee Dixon, is second, with David Seaman, Tony Adams and Nigel Winterburn also among the top dozen, proving that Arsenal are value for money. In fact, the top 12 in

the bargain bucket are all

Michael Ball, of Everton, Jan Harte, of Leeds United, and Steve Guppy, of Leicester City. have all proved to be excellent

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striker available, followed by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Hamilton Ricard. In retrospect, £10.5 million spent on Michael Owen now seems to have been too much, but still looks better value than the £10.1 million for Alan Shearer. However, perhaps a thought should be spared for all those managers owning a

certain Stanley Collymore, with

each of the Aston Villa player's

£1.14 million

It has been a poor season for midfield players, and it is Harry Kewell, of Leeds, who tops the value-for-money table in this department. With the likes of David Beckham and Matt Le Tissier underperforming in relation to previous seasons, it is in Benito Carbone and Ray Parlour that the value has lain.

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### Referee admits missing

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

handball

IT WILL hardly appease George Graham, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, but Paul Durkin, the referee, admitted yesterday that he made an error during the FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford on Sunday. Durkin accepted that he failed to notice the obvious handball of Nikos Dabizas the Newcastle United defender, during the first half when the match was goalless. Newcastle went on to win 2-0.

Graham was angered by Durkin's mistake and described him as having "a poor day at the office". Durkin did spot a handball by Sol Campbell, the Tottenham defender. in extra time, which led to the penalty from which Alan Shearer put Newcastle ahead. 'I haven't had a chance to

watch the video. but from what I've been told, I obviously missed a crucial decision," Durkin said, "Maybe I was in the wrong position, but I genuinely didn't see it and neither did my linesman, Mark Cooper. I'm bitterly disappointed, but that's the way it goes sometimes. I can't change what happened. I'm happy to take stick for missing the handball because I deserve it, but to say that I was poor throughout is a bit unfair. It's typical of a manager to blame the referee rather than to look at his own side's shortcomings."

David Elleray, who refereed the 0-0 draw between Manchester United and Arsenal in the other semi-final, upset Alex Ferguson, the United manager, by disallowing a goal by Roy Keane because of offside against Dwight Yorke. Elleray was about to give the goal until he noticed an assistant had flagged.

"I went over and consulted with him and he said that it was offside in the build-up. I acted on exactly what my assistant told me. I have to accept his view." Elleray said.

In the replay at Villa Park tomorrow, Arsenal will attempt to extend their record of seven successive matches without conceding a goal. Em-manuel Petit, the France midfield player, will return after completing a three-match suspension, replacing Nelson Vivas, the Argentinian, who became the tenth Arsenal player to be sent off this season. when he elbowed Nicky Butt.

### Sunderland and Fulham can secure promotion places tonight

## Reid has chequebook at the ready

By Russell Kempson and George Caulkin

SPEND, spend, spend - a familiar theme among the affluent in the FA Carling Premiership and Nationwide League - is one likely to be taken up by Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, and Kevin Keegan, the chief operating officer of Fulham, over the coming

This evening, Sunderland will confirm their return to the Premiership if they defeat Bury at Gigg Lane, while Fulham will secure promotion to

SPENDING PATTERNS

Paul Batter (Bury) £600,000. Thomas Screensen (OB Odense) £500,000, Nell Webwright (Westham) £100,000.

the first division of the Nationwide League if they beat Gill-Should Walsall lose to Bournemouth at Dean Court, Fulham will also win the second division title.

These two clubs have taken contrasting paths. Reid may have invested £1.2 million on three players last summer, but he has since relied mainly on those who suffered the heartbreak of the defeat in a penalty shoot-out by Charlton Athletic in the play-off final at Wem-

Keegan, backed by the substantial funds of Mohamed Al Fayed, has not been shy to enter the transfer market, signing seven players for a combined total of more than £3 million, not to mention paying the wages of John Salako. Kit Symons and Gus Uhlenbeek, signed for nothing under the Bosman ruling, and Philippe Albert, who is on loan

from Newcastle United. Reid admits: "I'll probably need three or four new faces. I'm not scared of spending the money, I'm just scared of spending it wrongly. It's not mine, it belongs to the support-

Gigg Lane would be an appropriate venue for Sunderland to clinch promotion, for Reid finished his long and illustrious playing career with Bury. "We all know what we have to do, but Bury are fighting for their lives so we're not going to try to play pretty foot-ball, he said. There's too much at stake."

The only dark cloud over Fulham concerns the future of Keegan, who switched to a more hands-on role il months ago, after the dismissal of Ray filkins, the coach, and has swept the team along on waves of optimism and enthu-

The Football Association is desperately keen to make him the England coach on a fulltime basis and Keegan and Al Fayed, after initial hestitation. are leaning apparently to-wards the same conclusion, although Keegan said: "I've really enjoyed managing Fulham and will continue to enjoy it. The England thing - it's really a nice adventure for four

Fulham supporterss have be-



Reid and his Sunderland players celebrate their promotion to the Premiership in 1996, which lasted for only one season

come used to the unexpected. Last Saturday, Michael Jackson made a guest appearance at the 2-0 victory over Wigan Athletic and who can tell who might turn up tonight. "We haven't arranged anything spe-cial to mark the occasion, but,

with the way Mr Al Fayed operates, who knows?" Patrick Mascall, Fulham's communications officer, said. "It's un-likely that Elvis will appear, but I've heard that Lord Lucan, riding Shergar, might

Happily, Keegan retains the common touch. He spent ten minutes signing autographs before a recent game against Reading at the Madejski Stadium. "That's the good thing about playing at this level," he said. "People can still get close

to you and that's nice." Fulham will be in the first division next season, but England can offer an international stage for his considerable talents. Elvis, whether or not he turns up tonight, would confirm it is the only place to be.

#### SPORT IN BRIEF **Brooking** takes up permanent residence

■ SPORTS POLITICS: Trevor Brooking has been named the England (previously the English Sports Council) after a rumoured internal dispute within the Government. To make a clean break with the past, Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, was understood to be in favour of appointing a woman, Tessa Sanderson, but Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, could not be persuaded. Instead, the former England footballer, who has been acting chairman, has got the job. Sanderson has been invited to become one of two vice-chairs; Des Wilson, the director of corporate and public affairs of BAA plc, is the other.

EQUESTRIANISM: Bivth Tait, of New Zealand, the Olympic and world champion, heads the field for the inaugural Chatsworth Horse & Hound International Horse Trials, which take place on May 22 and 23 at the Derbyshire home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Ian Stark, William Fox-Pitt and Karen Dixon are among the leading British contenders for the event. John and Michael Whitaker, Nick Skelton and Robert Smith are among the record entries for Royal Windsor Horse Show, which takes place from May 13 to 16. TENNIS: Andre Agassi

completed a 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over Boris Becker in the delayed final of the Hong Kong Open. The two players returned to the court after play on Sunday was rained off with Agassi leading 2-0 in the third set, but the 1992 Wimbledon champion needed just 36 minutes to complete victory. Monica Seles captured her first title of 1999 and the 44th of her career after beating Ruxandra Dragomir, of Romania, in Amelia Island, Florida.

RIFLE SHOOTING: Alexandra Pilgrim, 28, after making top score in the team match at short range, went on to win the Sussex long range Harvey Cup by one point from Tim Brooking in difficult winds.

## Zidane's knee injury flares up

MANCHESTER United may be concentrating on one competition at a time, but the news that filtered through from Italy yesterday could hardly have escaped their notice. Zinedine Zidane, the Juventus player, has suffered an injury setback, thus casting doubt over his involvement in his side's European Cup semi-final, second leg against United next week.

Zidane, the Fifa world player of the year, was outstanding in the Juventus midfield as they earned a 1-1 draw from the first leg at Old Trafford. It was his first game back after a lay-off with a knee injury and there appeared to be no adverse reaction at the time.

By Stephen Wood

However, the France international was substituted at half-time of Juventus's Serie A match with Bologna last weekend, complaining of a recurrence of the injury. "I didn't feel anything for 90 minutes against United," he said, "but against Bolgna, all it needed was 45 minutes for it to start causing me discomfort."

The fixture in Turin next Wednesday is one of 11 that United face in 45 days. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is expected to start shuffling his team selections tomorrow, even though the opposition is Arsenal, in the FA Cup semi-final replay at

Villa Park. Denis Irwin is unlikely to recover from the injury that he sustained in the first match on Sunday, so Philip Neville will replace the left back. Gary Neville, the right back, also picked up an injury, but he is expected to be fit.
Ferguson said: "There is a different
agenda now and I will begin to spread the
load. I will not be afraid to make one or

two changes for the replay and the JFA Carling Premiershipl game against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday."

Nicky Butt, though, is likely to retain

his midfield place against Arsenal to combat Emmanuel Petit, who returns after

#### FOOTBALL IN BRIEF

their club.

■ ERIC BARNES was ap-■ Supporters of Luton Town are to set up a group to save the Nationwide League second pointed the chairman of Nottingham Forest yesterday after division club from going out of Nigel Wray resigned his position. Barnes, who is based in existence. Three organisations Nottingham, is also the new non-executive chief of the club after Wray's departure.

Brighton and Hove Albion have combined to form Fans of Luton Action Group (FLAG) and they hope to use the example of Bournemouth to save

confirmed the appointment of Micky Adams as their new manager yesterday. Adams, 37, formerly in charge at Fulham and Brentford, is the seventh manager in the past five years at the club and replaces Jeff Wood, who was dismissed last Friday.

■ Crystal Palace suffered yet another setback yesterday with the news that TDK, the club's long-term sponsor, will terminate its contract at Selhurst Park after six years at are £23 million in debt.

## O'Brien chalks up rousing victory

THE success of Fergal O'Brien at the British Open will be a source of inspiration for all of those snooker professionals who toil in relative anonymity. dreaming of capturing a title. It was a triumph for dedication, as opposed to precocious talent.

At the end of a season in which every previous tournament winner had been a member of the inner circle of wellknown players. O'Brien beat Anthony Hamilton 9-7 on Sunday to strike a rare blow for the underdogs.

A 1917

Since turning professional in 1991, O'Brien has got the better of Stephen Hendry, Steve Davis and Ken Doherty, but, until he recorded a 6-5 victory over John Higgins in the semi-

BASEBALL

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BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Championship play-offs: Querter-finals, first leg: Bir-mingham Bullets & Manchester Giants 74, Greater London Leopards 83 Shelfield Sharts 76

By Phil Yates

finals of the event in Plymouth, the acquisition of a trophy had never seemed to be likely. He had followed each encouraging result with an even more discouraging defeat, but, instead of falling victim to disillusionment, the stoic Dubliner spent longer at the practice table.

He lost his opening three matches of the season - in the final qualifying rounds of the China International, the Thailand Masters and the Irish Open — all, ironically, played in Plymouth — and decided to

WATERLOO, Blackpook: Second round: M Williams (Turton) bi M Jump (Preston) 21-16; S Horiti (Crompton) bi C Grimshaw (Leigh) 21-19; M Leach (Warton) bi N Boby (Burnley) 21-18; C Cowsil (Horwich) bi T Hawat (Hoole) 21-18; B Tomanson (Blackburn) bi D Carter (Haktas) 21-11; G Merry (Tarporley) bi T Garley (Warmgton) 21-16; (Werns (Statlord) bi J Comes (Northwich) 21-20; I Rutter (Wegn) bi A Spragg (Chesafrield) 21-19; M Hall (Woverhampton) bi E Stone (Chesafrield) 21-20; M Bower (Chesterleid) bi G Coupe (Malton-le-Dale) 21-16; J Lotthouse (Coline) bi H Rogers (Stake) 21-11; P Mon (Eccleston) bi E Hadley (Carteton) 21-18

One-day international

West Indies v Australia

KINGSTOWN (Australia won toes): West in dies beat Australia by 44 runs

WEST INDIES

intensify his already prodigious workload. As a result, he reached the quarter-finals of the United Kingdom championship in November.

Nevertheless, on arrival at the British Open, there was nothing to suggest that he was about to become only the second player from Ireland, after Doherty, to win a world-ranking event.

Eliminating Higgins gave O'Brien the right to approach his debut in a final with considerable optimism and, despite failing to pot a ball in the opening two frames, he fought with admirable spirit.

"They'll have to surgically remove me from this trophy." O'Brien said. "I don't know how other people react when they win their first tournament, but I can't imagine anyone feeling any better than I do at the moment." O'Brien improves from

No 18 to No 10 in the provisional world rankings. However, this steep climb is bad news for Jimmy White, who falls from No 15 to No 17. With the Embassy world

championship, which starts on Saturday, carrying the highest points tariff of the season, much can still change. but White needs to beat Alan McManus in the first round to retain any hope of reclaiming his status among the top 16. O'Brien's initial opposition in the world championship will be supplied by Tony Drago, of



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Few declarers in this year's Portland Pairs (the British Mixed Pairts Championship) made Three No-Trumps on the following deal. Cover up the East-West hands and decide on your line of play. Dealer South Love all

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Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: eight of spades.

play is to win the nine of spades and play a club to the king. East wins the ace and returns a spade to West's ace. West gets off play with a heart and declarer plays a second club. Provided the defenders are alert they can now take, in total, three clubs and two spades for one down.

Now think a little more deeply. The opening lead has been very revealing. Presumably the eight was fourth highest and surely West would not have led from a four-card suit into a suit bid on his right. West's actual spade holding is marked.

Try the effect of returning spade at trick two. West wins his ace and has one chance to beat the contract He must switch to the jack of

The straightforward line of clubs and again the defence can take three clubs and two spades, but this is far from easy for him to find. Suppose instead that he returns a pas-

Declarer now does not need the ace of clubs right (probably against the odds given West's initial pass and his known good spade suit), but needs East to hold Q-x-x-x(-x) in diamonds instead. He cashes four rounds of hearts, discarding a club, cashes the ace of diamonds, plays a diamond to his jack, cashes the king of diamonds and exits with his last diamond. This forces East to open up the club

Even if West does have the ace of clubs there is nothing he can do after making it; he has to give dummy a club trick or declarer a spade.

# KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Redbus tournament

Today I give two further games from the enterprising Redbus knockout tournament held at Southend over the Easter weekend. In the first game Malcom Pein brilliantly demolishes Daniel King while the second contains a brilliant finish pulled off against the eventual tournament joint-winner.

White Daniel King Black: Malcolm Pein Redbus knockout Southend 1999 Ruy Lopez

1 e4 2 NI3 3 Bb5 4 Ba4

Diagram of final position 

White: Colin McNab Black: James Plaskett Southend 1999 **English Opening** 

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**REAL TENNIS** 

### RUGBY FIVES

SNOOKER PLYMOUTH: British Open: Final: F O'Brien (Ire) bi A Hamilton (Eng.) 9-7

PARSDORF, Germany: Citroen Classic: Women: Semi-Brailly M Martin (Aus) bi S Schöne (Ger) 9-2 9-8, 9-4. C Jackman (Eng) bi L Joyce (NZ) 4-9, 10-8, 9-4, 3-9, 9-1.

HELSINKI: Ajampaino Finnish Open: Ment: Semi-finais: D Paimer (Aus) bi D Jen-son (Aus) 12-15, 15-9, 15-10, 15-9, O El-borolossy (Egypt) bi J Raumohn (Fin) 15-4, 10-15, 15-14, 15-5.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Men's tournament: First round: F Clavel (Sp) bt J Alonso (Sp) 8-4, 6-4 M Serin (Russ) bt O Serrano (Sp) 8-1, 7-5: A Bercsalegui (Sp) bt A di Pasquale (Fr) 6-3, 6-2, K Alam (Mar) bt M Gustalisson (See) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; G Puertes (Sp) bt F Cabello (Arg) 7-5, 7-6; A lise (Aus) bt M-K Goelner (Sen) 6-4, 6-3; A Pavel (Rom) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, F Squillan (Arg) bt J S Vicano (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; A Clement (Fr) bt P Haedrus (Mar) 6-3, 6-4; Y El Aynaou (Mar) bt M Larsson (Swe) 7-5, 6-3

#### **WORD-WATCHING**

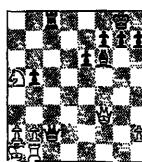
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Rxh3+

By Raymond Keene



#### By Philip Howard

a. A battery hen house b. A child prostitute c. A baby's wardrobe

MOSKER a. The chief morris dancer b. To pawn

a. A French maid c. A young rabbit

a. Student's lodging at

Solution on page 49 Answers on page 49

combination?

#### P<sup>1</sup> Polay. This position is from the game McDonald -Hartley, Australian junior championship 1999. How did Black conclude the struggle with a classic checkmating

WINNING MOVE

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FOR THE RECORD

BOWLING Fleming 91-1-41-3 Retiel 10-1-34-1, Julian 9-0-51-1, Lee 10-0-44-2, Warre 10-3-30-2 

Total (41.5 evers) 185
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-57, 3-60, 4-98, 5-100, 6-106, 7-109 8-144, 9-165
BOWLING: Walsh 8-1-37-0, Dillon
10-1-45-2; Bryan 10-1-24-4, Arthurton
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Umpires: W Doctrove and E A Nicholis

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CAMBRIDGE: Brian Church Sow!: Ame-teur doubles: Semi-final: R Krznaric and D Reid bt N Baler and M Higney 6-5, 6-5. H Angus and M McMurugh bt C Bean and N Lloyd 6-2, 6-3; R Krznaric and D Reid bt H Angus and M McMurugh 2-6, 6-4, 6-4

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, Horsham: Natic

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, Horsham National veteran's championshipes. Singles: Cuarter-finals: I Fuller bit P de Winton 11-0, 11-2; D Hebden bt W Aveneti 11-8, 17-2; T Lewis bt A Highes 17-1, 11-7; J Schroeter bt P King 11-3, 11-2. Semi-finals: Fuller bit Hebdon 11-1, 11-1, Schroeter bt Lews 11-8, 11-3. Doubles: Cuarter-finals: Fuller and J Schroeter bit J Monard E Andrews 15-0, 15-1; S Watson and T Lewis bt J Robertson and W Aveneti 15-6, 15-2; B Attinson and R Dobby bt P Ross and R Hunt 15-7, 15-4; K Public and D Hebdon bt P King and J Denham 15-7, 15-3. Semi-finals: Fuller and Schroeter bi Watson and Lews 15-3, 15-3; Puckle and Hebdon bt Atkinson and Loby 15-6, 15-4. Final: Fuller and Schroeter bi Puckle and Hebdon 15-5 15-5

SOUASH

DERBYSHIRE: Duffletd Morson Interna-tional: Mart. Final: J Kneipp (Aus) til P Lord (Eng) 15-7, 15-6, 15-10. Women: Final: T Bai-ley (Eng) til A Wray (Eng) 9-4, 9-0, 7-9, 9-3

HONG KONG OPEN: A Agassi (US) til 8 Becker (Ger) 6-7. 6-4. 8-4 LAYETTE BARCELONA: Men's tournament: First

John Hopkins on the remarkable return of a golfer who feared that he had played his last round Olazabal walks tall to place in Masters history

ate on a soft, sunlit evening in Georgia. golf reminded us once more what a remarkable game it is for identifying champions who are gentle men and gentlemen. Sport is not overflowing with heroes who conduct their lives to the highest standards. Golf has more than its share at the mo-

In reverse finishing order in the 63rd Masters, there was Greg Norman, proving himself once again to be arguably the best loser in sport. Norman's gracious smile never wavered as yet again he came up short in a major champion-ship. It was the ninth time in 19 Masters that he had finished in the top ten and the eighth time he had finished fifth or better.

Imagine how much he must have wanted to win after the drubbing that he received from Nick Faldo in 1996, and imagine how much the spectators, who adopted him as their sentimental favourite, willed him to succeed. Yet when he came third on Sunday, he graciously took off his cap, patted Jose Maria Olazabal on the back on the 18th green and said quietly: "Go, do it."

"He is a good person," Norman said of Olazabal. "He takes the time to make sure that you're OK. He's got a good heart. He's great for the game of golf and he's a great competitor. He cares about things that go on around

Then there was Davis Love III, who comes from one of the game's aristocratic families. Love, the 1997 US PGA champion, has a special link with Augusta. He was born the day after the conclusion of the 1964

tournament, at which his father finished 31st, and he held hopes of winning his first Masters two days before celebrating his 35th birthday today. He finished second, two strokes behind Olazábal.

"He's a fighter and a scrambler." Love said of the winner. When he had hit foot problems, we heard he was done playing, he would never come

Most of all, there was Olazábal. On Sunday evening, the tributes were paid to a softlyspoken Spaniard with a fine command of colloquial English as he slipped on the green jacket. It was the same one as



he had been given when he won in 1994. It was a popular victory not only because of Olazábal's ability and nerve, but also because of the knowledge that the man who had walked so strongly for 72 holes, who had concentrated so hard and played so skilfully to overcome one of the strongest fields on the final day of a major championship in the history of golf, had three years ago been prostrate on a sofa in

Olazabal was thought to be suffering from rheumatoid arthritis in his feet until a

chance meeting with Dr Hans-Wilhelm Müller-Wohlfahrt, a doctor in Munich, FINAL SCORES FROM AUGUSTA

> 76, 292: F Couples 74, 71, 76, 71, R Mediate 73, 74, 69, 76, S Cink 74, 70, 71, 77; E Eis (SA) 71, 72, 69, 80, 293: S Maruyama IJapan) 78, 70, 71, 74, T Lehman 73, 72, 73, 75, B Wetts 73, 73, 70, 77, 75, J Skuman 70, 76, 70, 78, M O'Meara 70, 76, 69, 78, 294; A Magee 70, 77, 72, 75, J Huston 74, 72, 71, 77, 295; M Brooks 76, 72, 75, 72, \*S Garcia (So) 72, 75, 75, 73, W Andrade 76, 72, 72, 75, R Royd 74, 73, 72, 76, C Stadler 72, 76, 70, 77, S Stricker 75, 72, 69, 79, 297; J Haas 74, 69, 79, 75, \*T McKnight 73, 74, 73, 77, T Herron 75, 69, 74, 79; S Hoch 75, 73, 70, 79, 298: C Parry (Aus) 75, 73, 77, 74, Lyle (GB) 71, 77, 70, 80, 299; M Fuchar 77, 71, 73, 78, C Perry 73, 72, 74, 80, 300; R Tway 75, 73, 78, 74, 79, Stewart 73, 75, 77, 75, O Browne 74, 74, 72, 80; J Daly 72, 76, 71, 81, 305; \*I Immelman (SA) 72, 76, 78, 79, \*\* denotes armateur humble now.

altered the diagnosis to an injury to his lower back and led to a change in treatment. in the darkest days of 1996, Olazabal wanted nothing more than solitude. "I thought I would never play golf again," he said. "Everybody was suffering. My lowest was in the summer of 1996 and the autumn. Watching the Masters on TV

was not very pleasant, knowing that you had a right to be there and not being able to play. That made it really hard." His parents and sister tried to console him, but Olazábal said that he was "feeling so low that I did not want them to see me in this way". Olazábal's total of 280 was

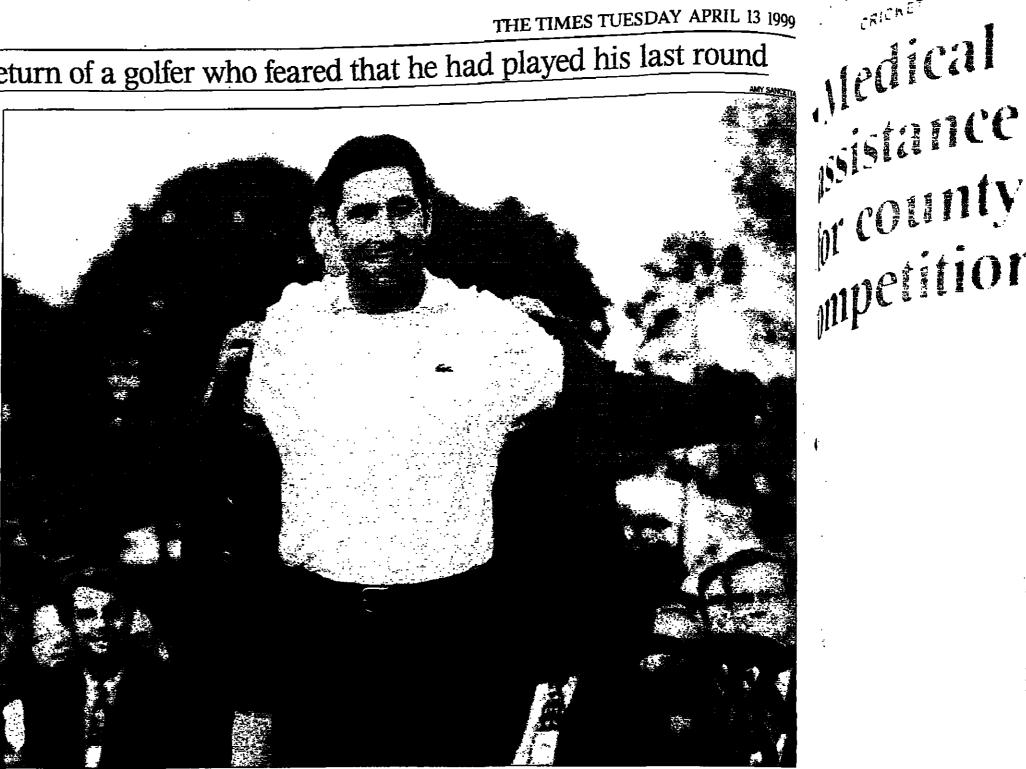
the highest winning score this decade and emphasised just how difficult the course was playing. There were a number of reasons. By Sunday, two greens — the 14th and 17th were rock hard. The new rough was also a factor and so was the lengthening of the 2nd and 17th holes. The 17th went from being one of the easiest holes to one of the most difficult, with a stroke average of 4.3.

It is also rare at Augusta to have a wind blowing so strongly for so long. On several days, in particular on Sunday, if you had stood near the 1st tee, shut your eyes and listened to the snapping and cracking of the flags, you would have been for given for thinking that this was an Open Championship at Royal St George's or Royal Lytham, not the Masters.

Enduring the pain as he did has made Olazábal a more rounded person and, perhaps, a better golfer. He said that his swing is better than when he won in 1994 and certainly his temperament is calmer. He is less hard on himself.

Most of all, he is aware of the priorities of his life. But for the treatment administered in Germany, Olazábal would not be where he is today. He was born of humble stock and, if anything, he is even more

The decency in him is transparent. He was asked what would be the first thing he would do when he returned to Spain, where he will compete in the Spanish Open next week. Tears welled in his eyes and for several moments he buried his head in his hands. "I will embrace my family for sure." A noble sentiment from



Fitting finale: Mark O'Meara, the 1998 champion, helps Olazábal into the winners' green jacket after his popular two-stroke triumph at Augusta

### Great drama and memorable strokes

WHAT Lee Westwood said about the difficulty of the last nine holes at Augusta confirmed a Masters truism that the pressure of a major championship combined with the perils of the homeward half

mean that you are dancing

with disaster.

Westwood, out in 33 on Sunday afternoon, had just taken a share of the lead. Now, he stood on the 10th tee, the highest point of the course, metaphorically on top of the world. It was only his third Masters and he had a chance of winning it. He looked down the plunging fairway, noted the wind that was causing the pine trees to his left to sway vigorously and shuddered. "I was so nervous my stomach was in knots," he said later. "It made me feel sick and I don't mind

admitting it." Sure enough, Augusta NaOlazábal's composure over the closing stretch was combined with high skill and great courage

across the face. He dropped four strokes in the next three holes, but rallied by getting birdies on the 13th and 15th and finished in a tie for sixth place. To drop four strokes in three holes and then play the last six in two under par takes

The 1999 Masters entered its crucial phase when Greg Norman and José Maria Olazábal. friends as well as rivals and the last two men on the course, arrived on the 13th tee. Olazábal was six under par after holing a 12ft putt on the 10th; Norman, who had been five under at the turn, had birdied the 11th but dropped a stroke on the 12th and was

back to five under. Others would flit in and out of the scene for the next 90 minutes, but, essentially, it was between Olazábal and Norman, the second time in four years that the Australian had been in direct competition with a European here.

On the 13th, Norman hit a booming tee shot with a threewood, struck a four-iron to 25ft and sank the putt for an eagle three. As the ball disappeared, he raised his left hand and shot Olazábal a look. Norman was in the lead, but it was a lead that lasted less than a minute because Olazábal holed from 18ft for his birdie, raised a finger and flashed Norman a quick smile.

Olazábal took the lead on the 4th, where Norman three-putt-

stroke lead became two at the 15th, where Norman had to hit his third shot when there was some mud on the ball. It flew into a bunker and he took his second bogey of the half and fourth of the day. Up ahead, Davis Love III entered the reckoning by holing an outrageous chip at the 16th, his ball easing its way some 25ft down the slope before dropping into the

Olazábal's first devastating put of this half was on the 13th. Now came his second. On the 16th, his six-iron landed well to the right of the flag and was brought round to 3ft past and above the hole by the green's contours. Olazabal may be one of the world's

hole to put him six under.

the best putters. Norman hit a tentative putt from 7ft and missed, leaving Olazábal to hole his to open up a twostroke lead. You can't imagine what a

three-footer that was," Olazábal said. "Downhill, lightning quick, left to right. I don't know how the hell But make it he did, just as he

sank a six-footer for par on the rock-hard 17th green. Love failed to birdie either the 17th or 18th and Norman saw his birdie putt on the 17th graze the hole and run past. So Olazábal held a two-

stroke lead walking to the final tee. A par at the last meant that he had played the more difficult nine holes in 33, a score lower than any of his rivals. This was one reason why the

JOHN HOPKINS

# United States unless stated 288: J M Otazabat (Sp) 70, 66, 73, 71 283: D Love III 69, 72, 70, 71 283: G Norman (Aus) 71, 68, 71, 73, 284: R Estes 71, 72, 69, 72 S Pate 71, 75, 65, 73, 285: D Duval 71, 74, 70, 70, P Michison 74, 69, 71, 71, L Westwood (GB) 75, 71, 68, 71, 71, L Westwood (GB) 75, 71, 68, 71, 71, N Price (Zim) 69, 72, 72, 72, 72, C Franco (Par) 72, 72, 73, 8 Ellington (Aus) 72, 70, 71, 74, C Montgomene (GB) 70, 72, 71, 74, 288: B Jobe 72, 71, 74, 71: I Woosnam (GB) 71, 74, 71, 72, J Funyle 72, 73, 70, 73, L Janzen 70, 69, 73, 76, 289: B Chamblee 69, 73, 75, 72, J Leonard 70, 72, 73, 74; W Glasson 72, 70, 73, 74; T Woods 72, 72, 70, 75, S McCarron 69, 68, 76, 76, 290: L Mize 76, 70, 72, 72, 291: V Singh (Fil) 72, 76, 71, 72, P-U Johansson (Swe) 75, 72, 71, 73, 8 Favon 74, 73, 68, Savouring the hole where it all happened

nine. I had a failure of nerve at the 15th green. Was this the right moment to abandon this excellent grandstand spot overlooking the par five (with good views of the parthree 16) and make a dash for the 18th? I stood up. I sat down. I made a pathetic whining noise and studied my once-pristine pairings list, now brown and dog-eared from excessive handling in sultry conditions. Was that mildew? Or a bit of old egg sandwich? It did seem daft to go now, just as David Duval and Stewart Cink were approaching. Duval was three under and still in the running. I had no idea what to do.

The security man made my mind up for me. This nice Southern gent had been a good friend already advising me (for example) not to sit where photographers gathered "because I wouldn't want them to hurt you". And now he said stay put, because "this is where it will all happen". So I sat down and checked the scoreboard once again. Leading at five under par were José María

n Sunday afternoon, just as the leaders were get-ting stuck in to the back

Olazábal. Steve Pate and Bob Estes; on four under were David Duval, Greg Norman, Davis Love III and Lee Janzen. Lee Westwood, who had shared the lead momentarily, had now dropped back to one under. I repeated the pathetic whining noise. In respect of drama — not to mention humidity — this was one of the closest days I had ever experienced.

Basically, there were too many things to look at, too many things to hear. Far-off roars and groans told you that something was happening somewhere, but not exactly what. We deduced quickly that the scoreboard on the 13th was updated more promptly than ours and that the roars from that vicinity sometimes concerned scores we didn't yet know about All afternoon it was the same. An out-of-contention player would make his nifty third shot across our lake; meanwhile on the 16th, Jim Furyk might be making birdie on one of the most difficult greens in the world. But we just couldn't concentrate, because, up on the giant board, Greg Norman's score had been tilted back for adjustment and as it flipped back into view, we'd all shout "He





At Augusta

birdied!" and then hold our breath until we found out what Olazabal

had done as well. Anyway, the security man was right. We saw Nick Price slip from contention at the 15th, after a fabulous 30-foot chip took him 3ft from the hole, and he missed the putt. Ernie Els had a double bogey — his approach shot not just missing the

green but actually jumping into the lake right over on the 16th in a des-perate "So long, cruel world" gesture. Tiger Woods made an legant, understated birdie; David Duval narrowly missed an eagle; Steve Pate made birdie to keep him in contention at six under. And then, finally, along came Norman and Olazabal, over the ridge, in the last segment of their heroic battle. We had heard the roar from the

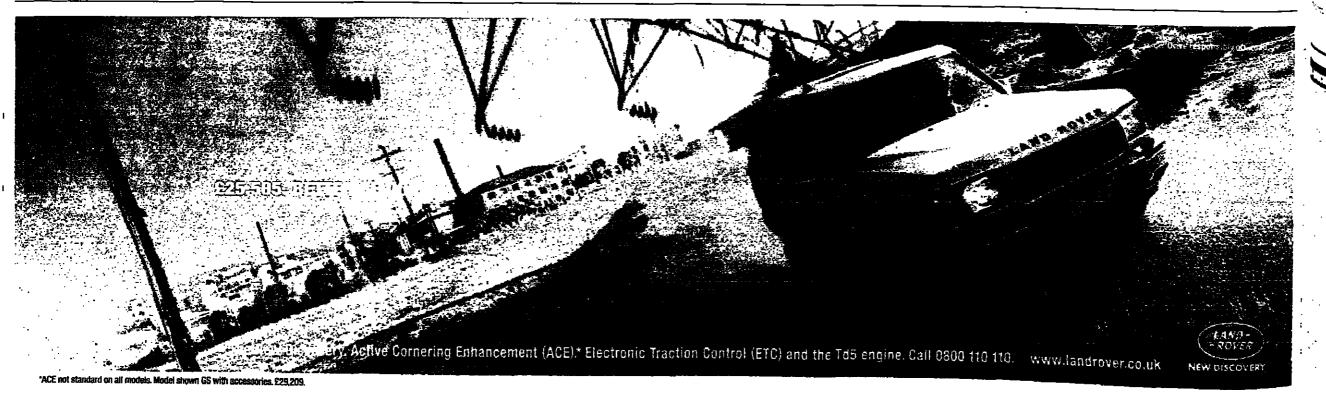
13th, of course. They'd have heard it in Atlanta. That was when Norman went to seven under - and into the lead - only for Olazábal's birdie to take him to seven under as well. On the 14th, Norman had dropped a stroke, but as the two men approached our hole at last (hoorah), Norman was emphatically still in it, tied in second place (at six under) with Love and Pate. Elsewhere, Pate slipped to five under. Good. Norman took his approach shot with a sand-wedge and landed up in the front bunker. We tried not to panic, but we knew: things didn't look promising for that wished-for Norman conquest. Olazábal was playing with his usual glacial slowness, but

was thrillingly precise. He made par on the 15th, while Norman had a bogey. And at the 16th, Olazábal's teeshot and brilliant three-foot birdie putt (as against Norman's par) won him the tournament. He was magnificent on that hole and, as far as the gallery was concerned, it was all

feel I must report that the paral-lel tournament for most diffi-cult hole at the Masters turned may recall I was backing the 12th for sentimental reasons. Well, like Greg Norman, the 12th hole narrowly missed victory yet again and came in runner-up to the 4th — an easily overlooked contender, as it happens, much like Olazábal. Those flashier holes, the 17th and 15th (equivalent to Duval and Woods), finished third and fifteenth, tee-hee. Norman said on Sunday night that he felt 80 per cent success and 20 per cent failure. I hope the 12th is feeling much the same way (you were robbed, 12, you were brilliant!) and will similarly be determined to come back next year and do it all again.



Norman embraces Olazábal on the 18th green after the Spaniard had holed out to claim his second Masters title



## Medical assistance for county competition

By Geoffrey Dean

MAKING the earliest start in its 136-year history, the county championship gets under way today with the weather outlook none too promising. There was thunder yesterday over South London, where Sur-rey's game with Gloucestershire is one of five due to begin inday. Another, Warwickshire y Northamptonshire, starts tomorrow.

The beleaguered England and Wales Cricket Board was able to announce yesterday that a new sponsor had been found for the championship. Private Patients Plan (PPP) will become only the third sponsor of the competition and although financial details of the four-year deal have yet to be disclosed, PPP's contributions will be significantly higher than those of its predecessor, Britannic Assurance.

Sponsorship will be strictly equal for both divisions when the championship splits next season and, notwithstanding the absence of many leading players until after the World Cup, it is the prospect of a keen struggle for places in the top flight that makes the competition this year likely to be more hard-fought than any in recent memory. Games between teams in the middle or lower reaches of the table in August and September have often lacked a strong, competitive edge. Now, such teams will have something tangible to

play for. Once again, the destination of the pennant looks a hard call. Leicestershire, the titleholders, can boast even greater strength in their seam department after the signing of Kasprowicz and it will not just be the Australian who will be anxious to perform well on his



Whitaker: captain returns

return to play against Essex, his former county, today, for James Whitaker, the captain, who was absent throughout all of last season, will be play-ing his first match since recovering from two knee opera-

Some might say that Leicestershire were successful last season because it was not a good one for spin, where supposedly they lack strength, but Brimson is an underrated performer and last season's haul of 31 wickets at 26 proves that he is more than a roller.

Yorkshire, who were third last year, would also prefer pitches that favour their battery of pace bowlers. If it is another wet summer, Yorkshire. with Blewett available for the whole season and the batting strengthened further by the signing of Harden, from Somerset, will take a lot of beating.

If the summer is dry and hot, particularly after the World Cup, Lancashire must be favourites, with Muralitharan available from June. Lancashire can make their runs quickly enough to give the remarkable Sri Lankan enough time to work his way through sides, particularly at Old Trafford, where some dust bowls can be expected.

More turning pitches could be seen at the Oval, particularly if Saqlain Mushtaq returns. Surrey are hoping that the Pakistan Board will release the off spinner from the Sahara Cup, when the last two championship fixtures will be played. Without such a pledge, Surrey would probably approach Brendon Julian, the Australia all-rounder.

Three other Australians will make their debuts today for new counties. Ian Harvey, the Victoria all-rounder, who has played II one-day internationals, is Gloucestershire's new overseas recruit; Michael Di-Venuto, the Tasmanian, re-places Michael Bevan at Sussex: and Andrew Symonds. tour after some dashing innings for Gloucestershire, will step out for Kent at Lord's.

Kent and Warwickshire must hope that their new captains, Matthew Fleming and Neil Smith, will be able to bring out the full potential of these teams to raise hopes of the title returning to Canterbury or Edgbaston.



Early-season exertion: Alex Wharf, of Nottinghamshire, strives to make an impression at Trent Bridge yesterday

## Loveridge seizes initiative

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of three; Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge Univer-sity have scored 209 for five wickets against Nottingham-

AFTER a steady decline in Nottinghamshire's fortunes, the capture of Clive Rice as cricket manager has raised expectations around Trent Bridge. The former captain, who had been so instrumental in rekindling the club's former glories during the Eighties, is the man charged with obtaining

In truth, with a promising young squad, a place in the top division of the championship next season may be a more realistic target. Nonetheless, given Rice's resolve and runs from his established batsmen, a one-day trophy may not be beyond them.

However, yesterday, at Trent Bridge, without their By Rupert Cox for the second match running,

front-line seam attack, Nottinghamshire failed to press home their position of strength, having reduced the opponents to for four. It allowed Derek Randall, Rice's former colleague, who is now coaching Cambridge University, to enjoy a measure of success on a day of fluctuating fortunes. With the day shortened by

squally showers - 105 minutes were lost - Cambridge,

had the temerity to bat first on winning the toss. By the close, the visitors were indebted to a forthright unbroken stand of Ill in 21 overs between Greg Loveridge and Richard Hal-

Loveridge, who made 126 on Saturday against Lancashire, struck the ball with an authority that transmitted itself to his partner, but, with their stand

#### SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY:

A R Danson o Johnson b Evans. B. J Collins c Read b Evens....

Total (5 wids, 64 overs)....

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C R Pirmott, C A Sayers and J P Lowe to FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-51, 3-80, 4-89, 5-200.

BOWLING Lucas 16-7-54-3, What 14-2-48-0; Evans 15-4-52-2; Gallian 7-4-14-0, Stemp 12-5-35-0. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: G E Welton, U Azael, "J E R Gallian, P Johnson, N A Ge, M P Downan, †C M W Read, A G Wharl, K P Evens, O S Lucas, R D Stemp Umpires. P Carnoli and D J Constant

flourishing. between Chris Read, the wicketkeeper, and Halsall, as he snatched a quick single, saw the latter depart with a leg

Loveridge, who has played a Test match for New Zealand. struck 11 fours in his unbeaten 64 from 94 balls. Never afraid to hit through the line of the ball, his audacity prompted Halsall to follow suit and he cleared the pavilion with a straight six off Stemp during his 68-ball innings.

With the pitch a typical eardents had made a circumspect start before, in the eleventh over, David Lucas, a member of the England indoor team, claimed a maiden first-class wicket as Imraan Mohammed played across a full-length ball. Bowling his left-arm seamers into the wind, he maintained a commendable length to collect three for 54. Garside: leader's only rival in Hamepool (O Bell) 17-13

#### SAILING

DANIEL KENNED

### Another **Around** Alone boat drops out

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

BRAD van Liew and his 50ft Balance Bar are the latest names to be added to the litany of disasters that have turned the Around Alone Race from a sporting event into a farce. The dismasting of Balance Bar just 90 miles out from Punte del Este brings to eight the number of entrants who have either been dismasted, capsized or run aground.

Looked at in another way, only eight of the 16 single-handers who set off from Charleston last September could be said to have been serious contenders, with the others either sailing slow, older boats or falling into the "dreamers and adventurers" category. Of those eight racers, five have now been dismasted, capsized or run aground.

Van Liew, a former commercial airline pilot from Los Angeles, had been tipped to do well on the 5.700-mile final leg back to Charleston in a boat optimised for upwind sailing. However, as he tracked just behind J. P. Mouligne, in Cray Valley, the runaway Class 2 leader, his boat fell off a wave and the mast came down from 6ft above the deck.

"I was down below and all of a sudden I could feel us falling into this big pothole," Van Liew reported yesterday, as he made his way under jury rig back to Punte. The boat landed on its side. There was a big crack. It was a serious shock load, but nothing I hadn't seen before. The boom broke in two places, the mast in two or three places. My brand new staysail, my genoa, everything went over the side — it was an expensive boo-boo."

Van Liew's exit leaves only Mike Garside, of Great Britain, in Magellan Alpha still able to challenge Mouligne on this leg, but in the overall standings Garside is eight days adrift of the Frenchman, so an overall race victory looks possible only if Mouligne has the misfortune to join the long list of casualties in this demolition derby.



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#### **BOWLS**

### Cumbrian four make point to selectors

By DAVID RHYS JONES

AFTER Jack Coupland, who will be 85 in June, made his stand for the older generation of bowlers on Sunday, it was back to normal at Melton Mowbray yesterday, when the average age of the players in the national indoor fours final was a mere 28 years.

Paul Barlow, the Cumbrian lead, celebrated his 28th birthday by helping Steve Farish, Andy Baxter and Trevor Taylor to the title with a 24-14 win over Les Gillett and his Chipping Norton club-mates. Dale Hall. Andrew Martin and Alan Prew. Chipping Norton had beaten Coupland's Leicester in the quarter-finals.

Cumbria opened with a four and raced into a 15-6 lead by the tenth end, but then dropped a double, a single and a treble to allow the Oxfordshire quartet back into the game at 15-12. Spurred into action, Taylor's men crowded the jack on the next end, setting Gillett a big problem with

his last bowl. On line with an attacking shot, he seemed certain to save a count, but deflected off a short bowl and missed the jack by a fraction of an inch. leaving Cumbria with five shots that put them back in control at 20-12.

A Cumbrian double on the next end stretched the gap to ten shots and, when four singles were shared on the next four ends, the Chipping Norton players decided that they had had enough, and threw in the towel with two ends still left to play.

The form of all four Cumbrians, including Barlow, must have been noted by the the England selectors, who have previously awarded places to Farish, Baxter and Taylor and who now may feel that they have discarded them

Farish, who won the national outdoor singles title in 1992, last played in the international series four years ago, while Baxter and Taylor were dropped for this year's series in Bournemouth.

RESULTS: Fours: Final: P Barlow, S Farsh, A Bader, T Taylor (Cumbre) bi D Hais, A Marin, A Prew, L Gileti (Chipping Northon) 24-14 Triples: First round: Royal Turbindge Wells ID Harmore) bi Cammoo, Bi Charlos (B Harmore) bi Cammoo, bi Crowdon (G Vigor) 29-4, Press. Berkher, Ch. Willers, bit C. Cohber, J. Toyni 30-6, Teignbridge (R Johnson) bit Ryedisle (N Brignali) 16-15; Granitham (D Auckland) bit Desborough, Maudemhead (G Obtroby) 23-12; Kingsthorpe (P Reeves) bit Steverage (G Warrenden) 19-16. Barhing (N Smith) bit Swindon Westleon (I Jefteres) in Strain of Swinder Western (1986) and 1991; Chipping Notion (I. Gillett) bit Dony-art (M. Denslow) 25-5, Falcon (D. Gillett) erslesse) bit Cumbina, Fil. Cume) 20-13. Avon Valley (G. Moon) bit Metton Mowbrey (D. Weich 19-15, Sudbury (M. Grimwood) bit North Waishern (B. Taylor) 19-10; Bridgive-ler BCL (D. Fowkes) bit City of By (A. Eary) 13-12; Stelley (J. Lewman) bit Notthocham

#### PETER WYNNE-THOMAS LOOKS AT THIS WEEK'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

#### OTHER PRIVATE STREET

Chester-le-Street, today

Overall: Played 7, Worcs won 4, Durham won 0. First meeting: 1992. Trends: Worcestershire won their last game of 1998, but this followed eight games without success — five losses and three draws. Durham's last win was on June 6 1998, since when they have lost seven matches and

Recent meetings: Worcestershire won last year by 155 runs; in 1997, at this week's venue, Durham followed on 279 runs behind, then fought back for a draw.

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Lord's, today

Overall: Played 202, Kent won 71, Middlesex won 66. First meeting: 1882.

Trends: Kent last won on August 7 1998, the last five games of 1998 producing three losses and two draws; Middlesex fared even worse, last winning on June 1 1998, their last 12 matches being eight losses and four

Recent meetings: Kent won the 1998 game by four wickets, and they also won at Lord's in 1997, by just

#### ESEL-LEICESTERSHIRE

Chelmsford, today Overall: Played 142, Essex won 39, Leics won 35.

First meeting: 1895.
Trends: Essex suffered six successive defeats at the end of 1998, whereas Leicestershire won their last six matches, four by an innings, and went through 1998 undefeated. They have not been beaten since August 9 Recent meetings: Leicestershire won the 1998 fixture

by an innings and 99 runs; Essex last beat Leicester-shire at home in 1986.

#### RET V. GLOVEESTERSHIRE

The Oval, today Overall: Played 200, Gloucs won 50, Surrey won 90.

First meeting: 1870. Trends: Although Surrey lost their final game in 1998, they won four of the last six matches; Gloucestershire won their last three games, and five out of the final six.

Recent meetings: The 1998 game gave Gloucestershire victory by two wickets. This occurred on July 24, when Surrey led the table with Gloucestershire in second place. Gloucestershire also won at the Oval in 1997; Surrey won the 1995 game there.

#### LANCASHINE V SUSSEX

Old Trafford, today Overall: Played 182, Lancs won 74, Sussex won 41. First meeting: 1869. Trends: Lancashire won their final six matches of 1998;

Sussex lost their last two games, but won three of the Recent meetings: Lancashire's only defeat in 1998 was at the hands of Sussex — the initial game of the summer. Sussex's last victory at Old Trafford came in 1992, when Neil Lenham and Alan Wells both hit

#### WARVICKSHIRE V KORTHANTS

Edgbaston, tomorrow

Overall: Played 147, Warwicks won 53, Northants won 24. First meeting: 1905.
Trends: Northamptonshire ended 1998 with two victories, but these were preceded by five games without a win. Warwickshire had a mixed final month with three

wins and two losses. Recent meetings: Warwickshire won in 1998 by four wickets, Brian Lara scoring 158 and Tim Munton taking five for 41. The 1997 game at Edgbaston was drawn, but in 1995 Northamptonshire won by seven runs.

#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

LAYETTE

(c) A complete outfit of garments, toilet articles and bedding for a new-born child. The French word.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 47

MOSKER

(c) To decay or rot. To crumble or moulder away. Hence moskered and moskering. Yorkshire and Lincolnshire dialect. Of obscure origin.

LAPRON (c) A young rabbit. Diminutive of the French lapin rabbit.

LAMPAD (c) The seven "lamps of fire" burning before the throne of God, in Revelation iv, 5. The Greek for a lamp.

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try of their heritage and of

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fessional era. Wales can warm

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and the regard of others. At

this stage of their develop-ment, that is enough.

land coach, is also a hard man

to ignore. He and his players

retreated to a private dinner

on Sunday night and Wood-

ward emerged yesterday

morning to assert that his

"I don't think any team in

the world will be keen to play

England," Woodward said.

"Ever since I took this job, I

have been determined to get

England to the World Cup in a

state where we can beat any

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team is in good shape.

Clive Woodward, the Eng-

The Mission: The Great Balloon Race BBC1, 10.35pm (Northern Ireland, 11.20pm)

A special edition of The Mission recounting the A special edition of *The Mussion* recomming the extraordinary tale of the round-the-world balloon flight undertaken by Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard aboard the *Breitling Orbiter 3*. On March 21 this year, Briton Jones and the Swiss Piccard stepped out of their capsule and into the history based on the first man successfully to complete the books as the first men successfully to complete the non-stop circumnavigation of the globe in a balloon. This film follows the entire project, with behind the scenes footage, insights into the preparation for the event and a look at the competition with Richard Branson, whose previous attempts at the challenge had failed. It also records the trip itself, documenting the countless obstacles that the entire team had to overcome. A fascinating adventure. Ian Hughes

Queet As Folk

Supernatural

BBC1, 8.30pm

Channel 4, 10.30pm



The balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones: The Mission (BBC1, 10.350m)

supernatural phenomena) on show tonight are the ladybirds which infallibly predict the severity of winter weather: creatures as disparate as elephants, catrish and tarantulas antique as a look at how lung ridge are earthquakes. Plus, a look at how lunar tides seem to occur in plants, just as they do in bodies of water thot actually such a far-fetched idea, when you think about it). The photography, whether real or virtual, is stunning: the arguments much less mesmerising. Good for provoking spirited debate

#### Betting: Are You Being Cheated?

Nick Hudson's ITN film is a less-thanpunters bets at the Epsom Derby meeting to a very foolhardy chap who actually changed the

In one way or another, File on 4 has earned itself

the reputation of being the scourge of the

European Commission and the investigative series

shows no signs of hanging up the whip. The scourger-in-chief is the reporter Richard Watson.

He first went into action in Brussels in January

1998 when he revealed that the Commission was

secretly being investigated for fraud involving

agricultural projects. Allegations were also made about traud in the awarding of tourism contracts

to companies which were themselves being

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 6.00 The World Today 7.00 World

Channel 5, 8pm

Euro Sleaze: File on 4 Special

comprehensive look at shady dealings in the horse racing and greyhound racing worlds: from an unlicensed on-course bookie who ran off with greyhound results as printed in the Racing Post he was working there at the time). Along the way John McCririck, Channel 4's irritating to-tac man. gives us some very cautious readings of races in which jockeys have been alleged not to have tried hard enough, or where horses have been found to have been tranquillised. Tony Pariek Tony Patrick RADIO CHOICE

#### of the commentary of this series, the work of the writer/producer John Downer, but I cannot deny that it is beautifully crafted and a pleasure to watch. Among the prodigies of nature (and not

Afternoon Play: Summoned by Shelves Radio 4, 2.15pm

It is only minimally important that this marvellously mad play, written by Lynne Truss of The Times, was recorded in an old timber-framed library somewhere in North London. It would have proved no less of a hoot if the producer Brian King had transported his cast and technicians to a bus shelter somewhere in Dulwich, I don't much like the weak Betjernanic pun in the title. The play is set in a university library and the plot is propelled by such bibliographical considerations as which volumes should dwell on which shelves. There are smashing performances all round, especially Rachel Atkins's unwittingly disruptive teenager and John Rowe's chief librarian whose appente for her is catalogued under L for lust.

#### investigated for fraud. After last month's damning report by MEPs which caused the entire Commission to pack their bags, Watson is back in

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 3.00pm Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsteat 6.00 Dave Peace 8.00 The Evening Session 10.00 Digital Update 10.10 John Peel 12.00 The Breezetlock 2.00am Cirve Warren 4.00 Scott Mils

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Wall Street Blues. Dick Vosburgh presents a portrait of the
American Depression 10.00 Whicker's New World (3/7) 10.30 Lynn Parsons 12.00 Katring Leskanich 3.00em Alex Lester RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

#### 5.00am Morrang Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell

12.00 The Midday News 1,00pm Ian Payne, Live news and sports reports of the day. Plus, commentary from day one of the Craven meeting in Newmarket, including the Nell Gwyn Stakes 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Including two Division One Biotures — Bury v Sunderland and Port Vale v Bradford 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00ass Up All Night TALK RADIO 6.00am The Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chsholm & Sally James 12.00 Crime Fighters 1.00pm Anna Reeburn 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.00 The World of Formula 1 8.00 Cheating

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6.30am The Breaklast Show 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 Gary Davies 1.00am Richard Allen 4.30 Phil Kennedy

6.00am On Air Petroc Trelawny presents music and arts news, including a report on the Bafta awards 9.00 Masterworks With Peter Hobday Tchaixovsky (String Quariet No 1 in D, Op 11); Bizet (Flower Song, Carmen); Bartok (Piano Concerto No 1); Kodaly (Symphony)
10.30 Artist of the Weelc Moura Lympany
11.00 Sound Stories: Architects Peggy Reynolds remembers the theatre designer Frank Matcham
12.00 Composer of the Weelc J.C. Bach
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert The second of eight recitals given last year at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, leaturing music with a strong American bias. Lyric Quariet. William Hawkes, viola. William Bolcom (Three Rags, Gershwin, Lullaby), Dvorak (String Quartet in E flat, Op 97) (r)
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Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor); Brahms (Viofin Concerto in D); Enescu (Symphony No 1)
4.00 Voices lain Burnside traces changes in songs written before and atter the Great War (r)
5.00 in Tune Humphrey Carpenter's guests include musicians appearing at the Haldax Young Musicians Chamber Music Festival
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restormance on at anniess ParadeA celebration of the music of Michael Tippett. Anthony Roite Johnson, tenor, David Barrell, baritone, Craig Ogden, guitar, Nash Ensemble under Martyn Brabbins. Tippett (Sonata for four horns; Songs for Achilles; Suite: The Ice Break, arr

News 7.15 Outbook 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Insight 8.39 On Screen 9.00 World Business Report 8.15 Insight 8.30 On Screen 9.00 World News 9.05 Performance 9.20 Off the Shelf News Ot A Kidhapping 9.35 Discovery 10.00 World News 10.05 The Monstone 10.20 The U.K. Top Twenty 10.50 Sports Round-Up 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Britain Today 11.45 World Business Report 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Ormibus 1.00 World News 1.05 Outlook 1.45 Sports Round-Up 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Discovery 3.30 On Screen 4.00 World News 4.05 Sports Round-Up 4.15 Westway 4.30 Evroywoman 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Insight 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Gorg South 6.45 Sports Round-Up 7.00 World News 7.15 Britain Today 7.30 Ormibus 8.00 World News 8.05 Discovery 8.30 Soundbyte 8.45 Off the Shelf. News Ot A Kidhappeng 9.00 Newshour 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.20 Britain Today 10.30 Meridan Live 11.00 World News 11.15 Sports Round-Up 11.30 Jazzmatazz 12.00 World News 11.55 My Century 11.30 The World Today 1.30 Discovery 1.55 My Century 1.30 Sazzinarz: 12.00 World News 12.03 in Signature 1.55 My Century 2.00 The World Today 2.30 On Screen 3.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 4.20 Sports Round-Up 4.30 The World Today

#### CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey's Easier Breaklast. Soothing music and information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Hall of Fame Hour and CD of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones introduces listeners' favourites 2.00pm Concerto. Mozar (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat major) 3.00 Jamie Crick Continuous Classics and Alternoon Fornance 6.30 Newsright Sport, linance and news updates, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven, John Brunning introduces classical sounds 9.00 Evening Concert, Bay (Overture to Adventure) Moeran (Symphony in G minor), Gordon Jacob (Symphony No 2 in C major); Yaughan Williams (Vanations for Orchestra) 11.00 Mann at Night, Music through bit the small hours 2.00am Concerto, Mozart (Smlonia Concertante in E flat major) (1) 3.00 Mark Griffiths The Early Breaklast Show

#### RADIO 3

Bowen; The Blue Guitar, Suite. The Tempest, air Bowen)

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9.30 Postscript: Seamus Heaney at 60 — Whatever You Say, Say Nothing (2/5)
9.50 Mass in Time of War Two motels by Kodaly, and his Missa brevis, written while the composer hid in the cellar of a Budapest convent during the darkest days of the Second World War. Conductor Simon Joly, Margaret Phillips, organ (r)
11.00 Night Waves How can a country composed of the perpetrators and victims of genocide create a cohesive society? That is the question at the heart of Philip Gourevitch's chilling account of conflict in Rwanda and its legacy. Richard Coles talks to Gourevitch about his account of the psychological and political challenges of survival

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11.30 Jazz Notes More from the Best of British Jazz Band, with singer Annie Ross

12.00 Through the Night 12.05 Bach, orch Webern (Ricercar (A Musical Offening, BWV1079) 12.15 J.C. Bach (Quintet in F, Op 11 No 3) 12.25 Brahms (Meine Liebe Ist Grun: Wie Melodien zehl es mir) 12.30 Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor) 1.00 An early music concert by Compagnie Vocale 2.05 Prokofiev (Suite Lieutenant Kije) 2.25 Ravel (Vrotin Sonata) 2.50 Dupre (Versets on Ave maris stella, Op 18 No 6) 3.00 Bruckner (Symphony No 2 in C minor) 4.00 Tchalkovsky (Sx Pieces, Op 19); Weber (Clannet Quintet in B flat, Op 34)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Charlotte Smith presents
6.00 Today with Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie
9.00 Between Ourselves New series of discussions
about shared experiences. Two surrogale mothers
talk to Okvia O'Leary about the ethics and realities
of having habits for children convolve.

talk to Olivia O'Leary about the ethics and realities of having babies for childless couples.

9.30 Song Lines David Stafford reveals the ongins of socialist anthem The Red Flag (4/5) (r)

9.45 (LW) Delly Service Director of music Paul Leddington Wright

9.45 (FM) Serial: Choice Chatwin Susannah Clapp reads from On the Black Hill, by Bruce Challwin

10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Kearney and Quests. Includes Diary of a Provincial Lady

11.00 Tales from the Back of Beyond The ecologist Alayne Cotteril catches leopards with the Army during a wildlife management exercise in Zimbabwe

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11.30 How Tickled Am I? Mark Radcliffe celebrates the career of fittle Jimmy Citiheroe, who stared in the longest-turning situation cornedy on radio (2/6)

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 (FM) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours Topical consumer news and investigations, with Mark Whitaker and Tribie Rawlinson

1.00 The World at One Presented by Nick Clarke 1.30 The Musical Side of the Family The Countess of Harewood reflects on her involvement with some of the greatest names in the world of music, including Maria Callas and Benjamin Britiens (6/6) 2.00 The Archers Broadcast yesterday (r) 2.15 Afternoon Play: Summoned by Shefves The Times columnist Lynne Truss's comedy about an ordered library that descends into anarchy Starring Rachel Alkins, Douglas Hodge and Sam West. See Choice (r)

3.00 The Exchange: 0870 010 0444 Listeners views on a topical issue
3.30 A Name to Remember Barbara Myers explores the work of Thomas Addrson (2/5)
3.45 This Sceptred Isle Anna Massey narrales part 72 of the history of Britain (1)
4.00 A Good Read The climber Jim Perrin and the writer Marina Warner discuss their favourite paperbacks with Sarah LeFanu
4.30 Shop Talk Presented by Heather Payton
5.00 PM with Clare English and Rosse Millard
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Glad You Asked Me That Offbeat guide to modern living, with Michael Bywater, Sean Meo and Philip Pope (3/6)
7.00 The Archers William makes the utimate sacrifice
7.15 Front Row John Wilson discusses memorable film music.
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9.30 Between Ourselves Broadcast earlier (f)
10.00 The World Tonight with Justin Webb
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel by Robert Harris
Read by Alan Howard Part seven
11.00 Late Night on 4: The Now Show Stand-up

11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Film news and reviews
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11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Round-up of the day's events in Westminster
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book Earthly Joys
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Gregory's novel 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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RUGBY UNION: WOODWARD MUST WORK ON WEAKNESSES EXPOSED BY CELTIC TRIUMPHS

Blacks by 40 or 50 points. In 1991, England lost to a poor All Blacks side in the opening match, might have lost to Scotland in the semi-finals and lost the final. In 1995, they were stuffed by the All Blacks. I believe this side now is right up there with the top sides in the world in the way we are playing, the squad we have and the potential we can add

to it." This is a view shared by critics in the southern hemi-sphere. but Wales did England a favour by winning at Wembley. It was a sharp reminder of English inadequacies: that they are not a worldbeating force in the set-pieces. that they do not score the points their approach-work suggests that they should and that their back division still needs definition.

Wales may have done them a favour by reminding them of their inadequacies?

The prospect of Woodward being able to take Will Greenwood and Paul Grayson who started the season as his first-choice centre and fly half - to Australia in May for the month-long training camp is remote. Greenwood, who has not played for six months. hopes to test his groin injury in a fortnight, but Woodward is not optimistic. Northampton do not believe that Grayson will be ready to train until July after suffering a stress fracture of his pubic bone. In their absence, the shape

of the midfield has changed. The defence has improved, but it is not impregnable, as Scot-land and Wales have shown. In attack, individuals have been isolated too easily and only limited use has been made of Matt Perry from full

Mike Catt has had his moments and Jonny Wilkinson has fitted into the side with astonishing maturity for a 19-year-old, but the England back division will not frighten thepowers from the southern

In his defence, Woodward

can claim justifiably that, because of injuries, there has

style that he seeks. He has internationals against Australia. Canada and the United States in which to build on the principles he has laid down, plus two warm-up games in September against domestic opposition. The players he wants will be available to him on a more or less continual basis from May through to October

not been a match in the past 18 months when he could pick

from the best players at his disposal. This has given Wilkin-

son his chance, as it has Steve Hanley — who will be out for a

month after breaking his wrist

during his try-scoring debut

against Wales — Dan Luger and Barrie-Jon Mather.

the way towards the ambitious

Woodward is two-thirds of

2. when England's World Cup begins against Italy. It has to be enough for him.

**Dallaglio** to sit out vital clash

By DAVID HANDS

LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO. the England captain, will rest from his labours tonight when Wasps meet Northampton at Loftus Road in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, a match crucial to the hopes of both clubs in terms of qualification for Europe. Northampton, still with games in hand, also maintain their pursuit of Leicester at the

top of the first division. Dallaglio is recovering from the rigours of Sunday's Five Nations Championship epic against Wales, but he is in better shape than his Wasps colleagues, Kenny Logan and Rob Henderson. They returned from weekend internationals with Scotland and Ireland with a damaged ankle and a broken nose respectively. Indeed, Henderson received such a bad knock against Italy that he may not play again un-

til the end of the month. Their places go to Shane Roiser and Mark Denney. with Eben Rollitt replacing Dallaglio in the back row and Andy Reed joining Simon Shaw at lock, in the absence of Mark Weedon, the Wasps captain, who has damaged an elbow. There is also a change at scrum half, where Mike Fri-

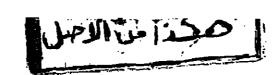
day replaces Martyn Wood. We want to keep the momentum going and it will be a tough challenge. Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said. He is mindful of the fact that he has an equally hard game with Newcastle on Sunday, which may be a dress rehearsal for the Tetley's Bitter Cup final next month but is also vital to Newcastle's hopes of European competition.

Northampon have named a squad of 23, including their own international players from England and Scotland, but their starting line-up will not be confirmed until today. Physical checks will be made on Tim Rodber and Matt Dawson, of England, and on Budge Pountney, who shared in Scotland's triumph in Paris on Sat-

Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, said: "In some ways, the best thing for them could be to play this game, but it's asking a lot of them after a weekend like they



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# Dickens served up with no added sugar

film and television adaptations have chosen to lumber Charles Dickens with the image of a cloying old sentimentalist.

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The reality is that Dickens was a sharp and acerbic social chronicler, a brilliant observational journalist whose characters were red-raw with realism when he out them on the page, only to be nurned into loveable rogues and heart-in-the-right-place molls when they came to the screen.

This unhappy image manipulation at last gets its comeuppance in Great Expectations (BBC2), Tony Marchant's new adaptation which began last night and concludes tonight. The talk has been that Marchant, and the director Julian Jarrold, will upset the purists. Tosh. The only people who will be upset by this are those who have become accustomed to Dickens served lukewarm with too much sugar stirred in.

done a brilliant job. I was ready for part one to be slow-moving, not least because BBC classic adaptations have that habit. But pace should not imply speed and there is plenty of the former here. On the few occasions when the plot development flags there are rewarding diversions to be had in

the study of mood and the

development of character. The story of Pip and his journey from rags to riches, from orphan boy to smooth professional, is one of the best in the Dickens canon. The nominal tale is interesting but it is only a vehicle for an exploration of many of lifes compelling themes, such as love, ambition, abuse and the manipulation of one human being by another.

Marchant's screenplay gets to all these matters with panache and a deft avoidance of sentiment, a fact that will fill Dickens with joy if hy any chance he can get BBC

Marchant and Jarroid have television in his present location. Jarrold has matched the honest bleakness of the script by filming the countryside scenes in washedout colour, whereas the London settings are more obviously colourful: a nice touch which sends the message that Pip has a brighter urban prospect.

> nd so to Charlotte Rampling as Miss Havisham, **1** the jilted recluse who is the central manipulator in the piece. Havisham is every man's nightmare, a woman with a long memory, and Rampling is simply outstanding in the part, playing Miss Havisham much younger than all previous screen incarnations and with an understatement that makes the character all the more

> Television documentaries can be annoying and they can be interesting but not all that often are they annoying and interesting.

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

The return of Equinox (Channel 4) last night with a programme called Living Dangerously showed that being annoyed enough to want to switch off but interested enough to want to stay tuned doesn't half play havoc with your equilibrium.

Essentially the show was about risk-takers: why do they do it? And it was about the flipside of risktaking: why are some people

frightened even to go out? The usual suspects were rounded up, including a couple of guys called John and Elliott who enjoy jumping off buildings, bridges, cliffs. I would not be seen dead doing any of that. Well, I would, but dead is the only way.

The most interesting person in the programme was Dr Yu, a Canadian biochemist. Dr who? No. Dr Yu (that seems to be his entire name, like Dr No). Dr Yu did a study of violent prisoners from which he discovered that the lower the level of an enzyme called mono amine oxidase - try that at Scrabble - in a person's body, the more likely that person was to want to take risks. Why, Yu? "We were very excited by these findings," Dr Yu said, "but we really don't quite understand what that means to us."

Oh well. The part of the programme that got me annoyed was when it started dealing with everyday risk using statistics. The civilisations. Last night's was a notion postulated here was that perceived risk is all got up by the media. For illustration we were told that 15 people are likely to die each year from new variant CID (the human version of BSE) whereas four times as many people drown in the bath.

T hat have the two things got to do with each other? Should the media have stopped publicising the fact that eating sick cows could kill human beings and start a campaign to prevent people washing themselves except under the supervision of Duncan Goodhew? Unrelated statistics are the last resort of the television documentary and Equinox is far too good to have to bother with such devices.

Which leaves scant space to mention Mystery Mummies, first of a three-part series on Channel 4 about lost

sumptuously filmed and carefully constructed tale of the Guanches, a cave dwelling people who lived in the Canary Islands. The fact that they mummified their dead suggested an Egyptian connection which Dr Joann Fletcher, an Egyptologist, and Mike Eddy, an archaeologist, set out to prove.

The film followed them, from the Canaries to Morocco to a slab at Addenbrooke's Hospital, where we had a look at a mummy. It was in wonderful condition. It turns out to be only 600 years old, one of the youngest mummies around. And the Canaries-Africa link is proven by the way the mummies had been bound and stored and from evidence, in Morocco, of human occupation and burial sites similar to those of the Guanches. We didn't hear what the mummy died of: probably tripped over a joint of beef on the bone and fell down the stairs.

#### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (59435) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (28232) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (9098690) 9.45 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (714665) 10.15 The Vanessa Show (T) (5340954) 11.00 News; Weather (T) (5886394) 11.05 City Hospital (1) (9098023) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (4045446)

12.00 Going for a Song (6833333) 12.25pm Wipeout (8839918) 12.50 The Weather Show (1) (76854955) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (38619) 1.30 Regional News: Weather (58924400) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (16182597) 2.05 Ironside (r) (1070955)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (2039110) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (8476394) 3.45 Arthur (2536232) 4.10 Rugrats (1380416) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (5843706) 4.35 G Force (7471139) 5.00 Newsround (5403936) 5.10 Trading

Places (2337435) 5.33 Rewind (T) (381503) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (604110) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (684) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (936)

7,00 Hollday Rio de Janeiro, a weekend break in Jerusalem, an all-inclusive trip to Tenerife and the delights of historic Cambridge. Last in series (T) (6961) 7.30 EastEnders (T) (348)

8.00 Animal Hospital Rolf Harris returns to the RSPCA Animal Hospital in Putney, southwest London (T) (9481)



affinity with electricity (8.30pm)

8.30 CUDAT Supernatural: The Unseen Powers of Animals An investigation into how animals use magnetism and electricity for a variety of purposes (T) (1416)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (338684) 9.35 Jailbirds An emotional six-months

pregnant 17-year-old arrives at New Hall women's prison (T) (342400) 10.05 The Vicar of Dibley The Songs of Praise crew pay a visit (r) (T) (952936)

10.35 CHOICE The Mission: The Great Balloon Race The first successful round-the-world balloon flight

11.25 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Australia Highlights from the comic's trip Down Under (r) (1) (473042) 12,05am A Passion for Murder (1992) A cab driver gets involved with a woman who is mixed up in the mysterious death of her politician lover. With Joanna Pacula. Directed by Neill Feamley (1332337)

1.30 Weather (2109511) 1.35 BBC News 24 (86850443)

WALES 9.30-9.35 Party Election Broadcast (682665) 1.30am-1.35 News Headlines (2109511)

#### BBC2 7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Polka Dot Shorts (5331752) 7.10 The Silver Brumby (9960706) 7.35 Top Cat (8229042) 7.55 The Bots Master (8303058) 8.20 Helpl It's the Hair Bear Bunch (8018329) 8.40 Blue Peter (9285435) 9.10 Goober and the Ghost

(8678868) 10.00 Teletubbies (93058) 10.30 FiLM: The Five Thousand Fingers of Dr T (9180232) 11.55 The Munsters (4087348) 12.20pm Beautiful Things (9212226) 12.30 Working Lunch (92049) 1.00 Oakie Doke (38239077)

1.10 The Leisure Hour (r) (1768481) 2.10 Sporting Greats (89910329) 2.40 News; Weather (T) (8241481)

2.45 Westminster (T) (5097313) 3.25 News; Weather (T) (5817619) 3.30 Call My Bluff (482)

4.00 The Village (r) (7129874) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (7122961) 4.55 Esther (T) (9241771) 5.30 Whose House? (313)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air American comedy with Will Smith (r) (T) (573042) 6.25 Heartbreak High The students receive their exam results (T) (237329)



Suede talk about their forthcoming album and tour dates (7.10pm)

7.10 The O Zone Jayne Middlemiss meets Suede and Jamie Theakston gets the lowdown on Heavenii's spirt from Honeyz (T) (597042)

Monarchy member Chris Lowe enlists the help of Dennis Skinner, MP, and the royal biographer Anthony Holden in this diatribe against the House of Windsor (T)

8.30 The Antiques Show New series. Fiona Bruce finds out how to make millions from buying and setting, Nina Campbell reveals the latest "must-haves" in collectibles, and James Breese scours the fairs in search of Twenties Bakelite (1)

9.00 Great Expectations Conclusion, Estella spurns Pip and throws herself away on a shallow marriage (T) (31738226) 10.38 Video Nation Shorts (T) (817690)

10.40 Newsnight Including a news summary at 11.00 (T) (408058) 11.25 Ice Skating: The World Championship Gala Exhibition routines (905329)

11.55 Weather (752619) 12.00 Despatch Box (55733)

12.30am BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Open Advice — Surviving the Exam 1.00 A Robot in the Parlour? 1.30 Engineering Materials: Hidden Power 2.00 Exam Revision 4.00 Languages: Deutsch Plus, 1-4 5.00 Business and Deutsca) Fits, 1-4 5.00 business and Training: Career Moves — Beauty and Complementary Therapy 5.45 Open University: History of Maths — The Vernacular Tradition 6.10 Tillings at the Alhambra 6.35 Out of the Blue?

#### 5.30am (TV Morning News (79787) 6.00 GMTV (2868400) 9.25 Trisha (T) (3511771)

10.30 This Morning (T) (49135139) 12.15pm HTV News (1) (7081023) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (T) (2785077) 12.55 Shortland Street (1771955)

1.30 Lie Detector (1) (16171481) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5046139) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (T) (2035394) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (5809690) 3.15 HTV News (T) (5808961)

3.20 CTTV: Malsy (5805874) 3.25 Rosie and Jlm (6750110) 3.40 The Wombles (4096955) 3.50 Scooby and Scrappy Doo (7065874) 4.10 Snap (7135435) 4.40 The Quick Trick Show (2975481)

5.00 Lie Detector (r) (T) (5655)
5.30 WEST: Can You Keep a Secret?
Michaela absells down a church tower in north Nibley (6/7) (T) (139)
5.30 WALES: Night Owls A psychiatrist atraid of the dark (6/6) (T) (139)

5.58 HTV Weather (395706) 6.00 HTV News (T) (752) 6.25 WALES: Party Election Broadcast by Plaid Cymru (816394)

6.29 HTV Crimestoppers (816394) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (1) (232) 7.00 Emmerdale Biff regrets revealing his feelings for Kathy (T) (8329)

7.30 WEST: West Eye View Regional current affairs reports. Last in series (416) 7.30 WALES: High Performance Profile of the Clwyd Theatr Cymru director, Terry Hands (5/6) (T) (416)

8.00 The Bill The key witness in a domestic assault case becomes infatuated with



The happy couple? — Greg Cordell and Carla Germaine (9pm)

9.00 Two Strangers and a Wedding Second film following the fortunes of Greg Cordell and Carla Germaine (2/2) (T) (3394) 10.00 Wonderful You Clare and Marshall prepare to walk down the aiste (T) (6481) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (270145)

11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (622619) 11.35 The Thoughts of Chairman Alf with Warren Mitchell (T) (326058) 12.05am Tales from the Crypt A gold-digging waitress mames an unappealing fat man, convinced he's about to inherit a fortune.

Demi Moore stars (r) (8839795) 12.35 The Haunted Fishtank (2187849) 1.05 The Jerry Springer Show (3711337)

1.50 Judge Judy (1) (3050725) 2.10 Wish You Were Here? (r) (T) (7432733) 2.40 McGillioway's Way New series of rambles around rural Ireland, with Olly McGilloway (T) (4005191)

SATELLITE, CABLE AND DIGITAL

A rescue mission in deep space encounters a terrifying evil force

in the sci-fi horror Event Horizon (Sky Premier, 10pm)

3.05 Football Extra Highlights (r) (3553269) 4.00 ITV Sport Classics (35442676) 4.20 Coach (31842612) 4.45 Soundtrax (74361559)

4.50 ITV Nightscreen (3372820)

#### CENTRAL As HTV West except: 12.20-12.30pm Central News;

(9209752) 12.55 Lie Detector (2607968) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4861684) 2.10-2.40 Heart of the Country (89834955) 3.15-3.20 Central News (5808961) 5.30 Shortland Street (139)

6.00-6.30 Central News at Six; We 7.30-8.00 30 Minutes (416) 11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (807868)

#### 11.30-12.30 Renegade (46042) 3.50am Central Jobfinder (6416269) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9536066)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.15pm Westcountry News (7081023) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (9217771)

12.55-1.25 Westcountry Lunchi 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4861684) 2.10-2.40 Lie Detector (89834955) 3.15-3.20 Westcountry News; Weather

(5808961) 4.58-5.00 Birthday People (1392936) 5,30 Our House (139) 6.00-6.30 Westcountry Live; Weather (752)

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5.25am Alfle Atkins (9662435) 5.35 The Pink Panther Show (2885706) 5.55 Sesame Street (r) (5971139)

7.00 The Big Breaklast (48042) 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (3255706) 9.05 Saved By the Bell (T) (7916023)

9.30 Sam and Max (17771) 10.00 CatDog (T) (3858400) 10.20 Planet Pop (3947348) 10.45 Moesha (T) (721955)

11.15 The Bigger Breakfast (6494348) 11.30 Powerhouse (T) (3905) 12.00 Sesame Street (r) (T) (66503) 12.30pm Bewitched (r) (T) (91787)

1.00 Caroline in the City Richard says no to Deli (21329) 1.30 The Three Stooges (16179023)

1.55 Racing from Newmarket Includes coverage of the 2.05 April Maiden Stakes, 2.35 NGK Spark Plugs Abemani Stakes, 3.10 Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes and the 3.40 William Hill Handicao Stakes (69502348)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (145) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7561706) 4.55 Ricki Lake Highlights of the past 1,000 shows (T) (9243139)

5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (481) 6.00 King of the Hill Hank catches his mother in a compromising position with her boyfriend (r) (T) (394)

6.30 Home Improvement (T) (824313) 6.55 Planet Pop Music magazine (789416) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (901787) 7.55 The A-Z of Scotland From F for footbal

 banned by King James IV in 1424 — to J for Jocks (1) (736139) 8.00 Brookside (T) (5619) 8.30 Classic British Cars The increase in women drivers and the makers' response

to this new market (8/8) (T) (1226) 9.00 Hitted Russell England's eye-opening documentary profiling eight people who have been jilted at the altar (r) (1) (1936)

10.00 First on Four Profile of the camp comedian Julian Clary (r) (T) (67232) 10.30 **CHOICE** Queer as Folk Last in senes (8/8) (T) (324042) 11.15 The 11 O'Clock Show Satirical cornedy with lan Lee (920990)



Stacey and her friends enjoy a night out in Brixton (11.45pm)

11.45 Electric Avenue Fun-loving teanager Stacey lets off steam to celebrate the end of exams (2/4) (T) (427503) 12.20am Algeria Daily (r) (5297240)

1,25 Inside Algeria (3648676) 1.55 The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl Conclusion (r) (1003658) 3.20 Brussels: Behind Closed Doors Behind the scenes of the European

Commission (1/3) (r) (3565004) 4.15 Whoopee (1930) A timid hypochondriac gets involved in all manner of misactiventures. Musical, starring Eddie Cantor. Directed by Thomton Freeland (681849)

#### CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport (5892961) 7.00 WideWorld Part eight Light-bulb invenior Thomas Edison (r) (T) (2759077)

7.30 Milkshake! (2547435) 7.35 Muppet Babies (4978348)

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8678481) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (8677752) 9.00 Instant Gardens (8/14) (r) (T) (8764232) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6778329)

10.20 Sunset Beach Ben rescues Mana (T) (4154503) 11.10 Leeza (3753868) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8688868)

12.30pm Family Affairs Pete offers a solution to Gabby's dilemma (r) (T); 5 News Update (7235987)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Sheila is arrested (T) (2758348) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment and chat: 5 News Update (8685428)

2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (2989665) 2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle program 5 News Update (8645435)

3.30 Moment of Truth: To Walk Again (TVM 1994) Drama about a US Marine's struggle to recover from a crippling gunshot wound sustained during routine training. Blair Brown and Ken Howard star. Directed by Randall Zisk (1) (2749023)

5.20 5 News (59179077) 5.25 Russell Grant's Postcards Location report from Zurich (59178348)

5.30 100 Per Cent (6049232) 6.00 5 News; Weather Round-up of the day's stories (T) (6046145)

6.30 Family Affairs Ben learns Donna likes him (1); 5 News Update (6964597) 7.00 Knight Rider Michael is charged with murder and sets out on a penious quest to find the only witness capable of getting him off the hook. David Hasselhoff stars

(r) (2983481) 7.30 Animal Marvels Wildlife documentary

(T); 5 News Update (6953481) 8.00 CHOICE Betting: Are You Being Cheated? The racing punch John McCrinck joins presenter Will Daws to expose the murky world of bogus bookies, phony tipsler telephone lines and dodgy jockeys (2/4) (T) (2072329)

8.30 What Went Wrong? Investigation into ne caus featuring the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster that forced the crew to dive 200ft into the freezing Atlantic to escape a towering inferno, as well as a capsized craft in an lowa river and a helicopter crash in Hawaii (2988936)

9.00 Flashfire (1993) A detective unwittingly sumbles across a web of police corruption while investigating a colleague's murder. Thriller, starring Billy Zane, Louis Gossett Jr and Kristin Minter. Directed by Eliko Silverstein (T): 5 News Update (46573042)

10.35 Castaway (1986) Oliver Reed and Amanda Donohoe star in this adaptation of Lucy Irvine's bestseller recounting her year-long stay on a tropical island with the publisher Gerald Kingsland. Directed by Nicolas Roeg (95891619)

12.45am Live and Dangerous Soccer action from the Dutch league (50400511) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6763511)

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11.00 The Wind in the Willows (1996) (22771) 1.00 Married to a Stranger (1997) (41619) 3.00 Llcence to Drive (1988) (50049) 5.00 The Wind in the Willows (1996) (25226) 7.00 Married to a Willows (1996) (25226) 7.00 Married to a Stranger (1997) (59874) 9.00 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag (1997) (52348) 10.30 How to Gel Ahead in Film (14110) 11.00 The People Under the Stairs (1991) (749619) 12.45am Raveger (1997) (116040) 2.20 Dark Angel (1996) (1297066) 3.50 Fendango (1994) (9216424) SKY CINEMA

4.00pm Blockheads (1938) (7352329) 5.00 The Directors Robert Zemeckis 5.00 The Directors Robert Zemecks; 7276855 8.00 Tony Rome (1967) (85025329) 8.45 Chema Nation (4518226) 10.00 Born on the Fourth of July (1969) (60434077) 12.25cm 100 Years, 100 Moves: Farnty Portraits (3760849) 1.15 No Way Out (1950) (730917) 2.05 Pursualt to Algiera (1945) (30222714) 4.15 Too Many Girls (1940) (3913207) FILMFOUR\_

8.00pm A Simple Twist of Fate (1994) (65347313) 7.50 Flying Over Mother (5185400) 8.00 Bob Roberts (1992) (8333139) 10.00 Farewell, My Concubine (1993) (62514836) 12.55am The (1993) (c.2) 14830) (2.20am 1182 Typewriter, the Rifle and the Movie Camera (1112849) 1.50 The Nated Kiss (1964) (4933511) 3.20 Pickup on South Street (1983) (638207) 4.45 The Brain from

TNT 9.00pm Skyjacked (1972) (93229597) 11.00 36 Hours (1964) (99336868) 1.15am Brotherly Love (1969) (80827240) 3.15 Skyjacked (1972) (70255153) 5.00 Close

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Total Sport 8.15 You've On Sky Sports' 9.00
Racing News 9.30 Aarobics: 10.00 League
Review 11.00 Asian Golf 12.00 Aarobics
12.30pm Football Special 2.30 Sports
Football 4.00 Asian Golf 5.00 Wresting
6.00 Sports Centre 6.30 Inside Scottish
Football 7.30 Fastray 8.00 Live Greyhound
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Football 12.00 Sports Centre 12.15am
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7.00am Aerobics Style 7.30, Sports Centre 7.45 Racing News 8.15 Moto-Plus 8.45 Sports Centre 8.00 Fish TV 10.00 Ten Pin Sowling 11.00 V-Max 11.30 Powerboat and Jetsport World 12.00 Live Cinclet 8.00pm Jetsport Word 12:00 Live Crozet 8:00pm Powertooal and Jetsport Word 8:30 Major League Basehall 10:30 Sports Unierwied 11:30 Purghy League Academy 12:30em Fastrax 1.00 Australian Pules Football 3:00 Sports Centre 3:15 Close SKY SPORTS 3

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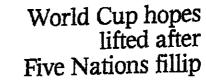
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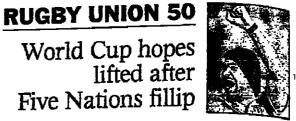
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Sutton's

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By Stephen Wood CHRIS SUTTON, the Blackburn Rovers striker, is not expected to play again this sea-

son after conceding defeat in his battle against a groin injury. His absence is another grievous blow to Blackburn's aim of avoiding relegation from the FA Carling Premiership and casts doubt on his

own hopes of playing for England before their next Europe

an qualifying matches against Sweden and Bulgaria in June.

Sutton's season had been

blighted already by injury and

suspension, but, a month ago,

it appeared that the worst

might have passed. He re-

turned to the fray at Ewood

Park and was recalled to the

England squad. However, it

was while Sutton was with

England, before the European

championship qualifying match against Poland last

month, that the full extent of

Sutton injured his groin ini-

tially in Blackburn's 3-1 league

win against Wimbledon and, although he joined up with the

international squad, he with-

drew before the Poland en-

counter. Subsequently, he com-

pleted two full club games against Middlesbrough and

Arsenal - but it was clear that

Brian Kidd, the Blackburn manager, has said many times

that the "mere presence of Sut-

ton" lifts those around him.

That is why he has been pressed into action while carry-

ing the problem, but Blackburn acknowledged yesterday

that they could no longer put

their striker at risk of sustain-

Sutton will not need an operation, but, with only six games

remaining, it is unlikely that

remedial treatment will heal

the problem quickly enough

for him to return before the

Everton are hoping that Rob

Harris, the referee in their Pre-

miership match against Coventry City on Sunday, will recon-

sider his decision to dismiss Marco Materrazzi, their de-fender. Materazzi received a

second yellow card for a chal-

lenge on Darren Huckerby.

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ing a more serious injury.

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## England fly home with hollow victory

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN SHARJAH

SHARJAH (England won toss): England beat Pakistan

AFTER seven successive defeats, any victory will be celebrated as though it were the glorious conclusion of an important event. This win vesterday, against a diffident Pakistan side, hardly signifies that England's plans for the World Cup are back on course, but at least they will not enter the tournament with a recordequalling eight successive oneday losses to their name.

When Vince Wells held the final catch to dismiss Shoaib Akhtar, the Leicestershire allrounder threw the ball high into the air and rushed to the wicket, where the fielders embraced in relief as much as joy. Although England will fly

(33 balls) V J Wells run out ((az)

Total (49.1 overs, 220min)

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w 1, 1 four, one spell), **Shoelb Akhtar** 10-1-37-4 (w.2, 3 fours, 6-1-20-2, 4-0-17-2),

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**SCOREBOARD FROM SHARJAH** 

home tomorrow still having failed to reach the final of the Coca-Cola Cup, their faces will not be quite so long. Members of the 15-man

squad will return to their counties before regrouping on May 2 for a training camp ahead of the matches against Kent, Essex and Hampshire that pre-

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BOWLING: Gough 8-1-39-1 (nb 1, w 1, 5 lours, 6-0-32-1, 2-1-7-0), Fraser 10-2-32-3 (4 lours, one spell). Austin 8-0-21-0 (w 1, one spell). Ealtain 10-0-30-4 (2 lours; one spell).

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cede the opening game of the World Cup, against Sri Lanka on May 14. It remains to be seen whether the selectors' thinking will change as a result of the largely disappoint-ing events of the past week

The squad itself is set in stone, but the emergence of Andrew Flintoff has to be weighed against a decline in the form of Robert Croft and Adam Hollioake, while the bat-ting of Alec Stewart is a cause for concern. At least, after a poor series, Mark Ealham returned figures of four for 30 to win the man-of-the-match award yesterday.

Pakistan were penalised two overs in reply to a target of 207 because of a slow over-rate and the fact that Wasim Akram declined to bowl his full quota revealed much about his side's attitude to the contest. When Flintoff bowled Moin in his first over to end a troublesome sixth-wicket partnership, the Pakistan lower order offered flimsy resistance and succumbed to 144 all out with 7.2 overs to go, some 40 minutes ahead of the sched-

A sparse crowd of little more than 2,000 reflected the redundancy of the fixture. Not even a strong expatriate Pakistani community could muster enthusiasm for what they clearly anticipated would be another straightforward win. The final against India on Friday, a repeat of the last group game tonight, will not be played in such a funereal

England enjoyed the advantage of batting first for the only time in the tournament. It enabled them to field in the relative comfort of temperatures below 30C. With the pitch, being used for the third time in less than a week, now slow enough to militate against strokemakers, the total provided an opportunity to earn the first points of the

At 86 for five in the 24th over, it appeared that England were about to set a far easier target. The selectors here -David Graveney, David Lloyd and Stewart — altered the bat-ting order again and while Neil Fairbrother at least saw himself promoted after the debacle against India on Sunday, No 7 is still too low for England's best limited-overs

tournament, albeit belatedly.



mid-wicket and Stewart, again uneasy, sliced to backward point, where Ijaz held a good. low catch. A direct hit by the same fielder accounted for Wells before Azhar, a deceptively handy bowler, baffled Hick with a slower ball and then saw Flintoff push down

Knight chipped Shoaib to the wrong line two balls later. it was left to Thorpe and Fairbrother to engineer a recovery. Ealham responded to the challenge of lifting England from 129 for six with his best innings of the tour. He gave the necessary support to Thorpe in a 63-run partnership before Shoaib returned to

the attack. The fast bowler

from Rawalpindi found reverse swing to york Thorpe for 62, compiled from 80 balls, and, in his next over, bowled Ealham with a fast, straight ball to finish with four for 37. Here, it seems, is one of the potential stars of the World

first semi-final were among the top ten for domestic match-

ITV must have been heart-

cause of Lee Westwood's early

charge in the final round that

es this season.

## Armchair fans keep watching right through to the last putt

competing sporting events on British television over the past weekend that only the Grand National attracted more than ten million viewers.

With audiences juggling two FA Cup semi-finals, the final round of the Five Nations Championship, the Brazilian Grand Prix, Naseem Hamed's defence of his feath-4 Absolutely no way! (3,2,4,4) erweight world title and the 5 Change direction (clockwise) concluding two days of the Masters, it was almost inevitable that many viewers would

have had enough long before José Maria Olazábal holed

the winning putt at Augusta

- yet still there were more

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Newcastle v Spurs 5.9m/7.9m Sunday 5.45pm Brazilian Grand Prix 7.5m/8.5m

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Saturday BBC2, 2.15pm
France v Scotland 2.3m/2.9m
Saturday BBC1, 3.45pm
Grand National 10.2m/10.2m
Sunday BBC1, 4pm
Wales v England 5m/6.9m
Sunday BBC2, 9pm
Masters conclusion 3.1m/3.6m

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than two million people watching that moment, even if the time was 12.15am.

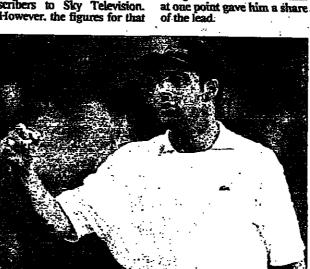
The Grand National always enjoys a high audience, partly because it lasts just over eight minutes, thus attracting a passing interest from much of the population. In 1998, the race was the only non-football event to make the top ten British viewing figures - in World Cup year - with an audience of 11.4 million.

This year. it had 10.2 million. An average of 2.3 million watched BBC2 on Saturday to see Scotland beat France in Paris in the Five Nations, while an average of five million viewers saw Wales beat England so dramatically in the other match on Sunday. Usually Five Nations games on Saturdays - and certainly those involving England have attracted an average of more than six million viewers

on terrestrial television. The game between Wales and England at Wembley had the advantage of being on BBC1 and screened at 4pm on a Sunday, which has a bigger potential target audience. One reason for the relative-

ened by the 5.45pm start to the Brazilian Grand Prix, a race that had an average audience ly low figure from Wembley was that ITV was screening siof 7.5 million. This was almost twice the usual number that watch grands prix in Europe. multaneously the FA Cup when the races are televised in semi-final between Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur, a match that drew early afternoon. Coverage of the Masters began at 9pm on BBC2 and av-

an average of 5.9 million viewers. The Manchester United v eraged 3.1 million over more than three hours, perhaps be-Arsenal tie, which was played at lunchtime on Sunday, drew an average of 1.7 million subscribers to Sky Television. However, the figures for that



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